

Annex A

Lipp CDS Proof of Claim

Fill in this information to identify the case (Select only one Debtor per claim form):

Debtor: Big Lots, Inc.

Case Number: 24-11967

Modified Official Form 410

Proof of Claim

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Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense (other than a claim entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9)). Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. **Do not send original documents;** they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) that you received.

Part 1: Identify the Claim

1. Who is the current creditor?	<u>Lipp CDS, Inc.</u> Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim) Other names the creditor used with the debtor _____	
2. Has this claim been acquired from someone else?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. From whom? _____	
3. Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent? Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g)	Where should notices to the creditor be sent? Address1: <u>535 N. Brand Blvd.</u> Address2: <u>Ste. 504</u> Address3: <u>Care Of: Susan Barilich P.C.</u> Address4: _____ City: <u>Glendale</u> State: <u>CA</u> Postal Code: <u>91203</u> Country: _____ Contact phone: <u>8185000377</u> Contact email: <u>susan@barilichlaw.com</u>	Where should payments to the creditor be sent? (if different) Address1: _____ Address2: _____ Address3: _____ Address4: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____ Contact phone: _____ Contact email: _____
4. Does this claim amend one already filed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known) _____ <div>Filed on _____ MM / DD / YYYY</div>	
5. Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Who made the earlier filing? _____	

Part 2: Give Information About the Claim as of the Date the Case Was Filed

6. Do you have any number you use to identify the debtor?

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No

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Yes. Last 4 digits of the debtor's account or any number you use to identify the debtor: _____

7. How much is the claim?

\$ \$62,595.94

Does this amount include interest or other charges?

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No

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Yes. Attach statement itemizing interest, fees, expenses, or other charges required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c)(2)(A).

8. What is the basis of the claim?

Examples: Goods sold, money loaned, lease, services performed, personal injury or wrongful death, or credit card.

Attach redacted copies of any documents supporting the claim required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c).

Limit disclosing information that is entitled to privacy, such as health care information.

Real estate broker commission

9. Is all or part of the claim secured?

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No

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Yes. The claim is secured by a lien on property.

Nature of property:
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Real estate. If the claim is secured by the debtor's principal residence, file a *Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment* (Official Form 410-A) with this *Proof of Claim*.
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Motor vehicle

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Other. Describe: _____

Basis for perfection: _____

Attach redacted copies of documents, if any, that show evidence of perfection of a security interest (for example, a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document that shows the lien has been filed or recorded.)

Value of property:

\$ _____

Amount of the claim that is secured:

\$ _____

Amount of the claim that is unsecured: \$ _____

(The sum of the secured and unsecured amounts should match the amount in line 7.)

Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition:

\$ _____

Annual Interest Rate (when case was filed) _____ %
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Fixed

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Variable

10. Is this claim based on a lease?

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No

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Yes. Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition. \$ _____

11. Is this claim subject to a right of setoff?

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No

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Yes. Identify the property: _____

12. Is all or part of the claim entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)?

☐ No

☒ Yes. Check one:

☐ Domestic support obligations (including alimony and child support) under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B).

☐ Up to \$3,350* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).

☐ Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$15,150*) earned within 180 days before the bankruptcy petition is filed or the debtor's business ends, whichever is earlier. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).

☐ Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8).

☐ Contributions to an employee benefit plan. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5).

☒ Other. Specify subsection of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(^{507(a)(2)}) that applies.

Amount entitled to priority

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ **\$62,595.94**

* Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/01/25 and every 3 years after that for cases begun on or after the date of adjustment.

13. Is all or part of the claim entitled to administrative priority pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9)?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Indicate the amount of your claim arising from the value of any goods received by the Debtor within 20 days before the date of commencement of the above case, in which the goods have been sold to the Debtor in the ordinary course of such Debtor's business. Attach documentation supporting such claim.

\$ _____

Part 3: Sign Below

The person completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011(b).

If you file this claim electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Check the appropriate box:

☐ I am the creditor.

☒ I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent.

☐ I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. Bankruptcy Rule 3004.

☐ I am a guarantor, surety, endorser, or other codebtor. Bankruptcy Rule 3005.

I understand that an authorized signature on this *Proof of Claim* serves as an acknowledgment that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt.

I have examined the information in this *Proof of Claim* and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Susan Barilich 07/08/2025

Electronic Signature

Date

Name of the person who is completing and signing this claim

Susan Barilich

Name

First name

Middle name

Last name

Title/Company

Susan Barilich, PC

Identify the corporate servicer as the company if the authorized agent is a servicer.

535 N. Brand Blvd.

Address

Ste. 504

Number

Street

Glendale

CA

91203

City

State

ZIP Code

Country

Contact phone

8185000377

Email

susan@barilichlaw.com

Additional Noticing Addresses (if provided):

Additional Address 1

Name:

Address1:

Address2:

Address3:

Address4:

City:

State:

Postal Code:

Country:

Contact Phone:

Contact Email:

Additional Address 2

Name:

Address1:

Address2:

Address3:

Address4:

City:

State:

Postal Code:

Country:

Contact Phone:

Contact Email:

Additional Supporting Documentation Provided

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Yes

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No

Attachment Filename:

CombinedPDF.ProofofClaim.Backup.pdf

Electronic Proof of Claim Confirmation: 3735-1-CHFLJ-861282261

Claim Electronically Submitted on (UTC) : 2025-07-08T18:40:14.048Z

Submitted by: Lipp CDS, Inc.
susan@barilichlaw.com

INTEREST CALCULATION

Amount of Claim:	\$60,000.00
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Interest Rate at 10% from

January 31, 2025 (Cal.Civ.Code §3289)	2,595.94
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Closing Statement

Closing Statement

Seller		Buyer	
Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit
	Loan Charges (continued)		
	Credit Report to BAI DEBT HOLDINGS A, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	55.42	
	Appraisal Fee P.O.C.\$5,000.00(B)*		
	Appraisal Review Fee to BAI DEBT HOLDINGS A, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	500.00	
	Phase I P.O.C.\$2,300.00(B)*		
	Review - Phase I to BAI DEBT HOLDINGS A, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	500.00	
	Legal Fee P.O.C.\$5,000.00(B)*		
	Salis Law Fee to Salis Law	21,434.50	
	Insurance Invoice to Falcon West Insurance Brokers, Inc. Acct No. 10001	6,143.34	
	Insurance Invoice to Falcon West Insurance Brokers, Inc. Invoice #272406/01003430670	31,781.81	
	Title/Escrow Charges		
1,500.00	Closing Fee to Chicago Title Insurance Company	1,500.00	
	Extended Owners Policy \$6,100,000.00 (CLTA Standard Portion \$7,162.00, ALTA Ext. Port. \$1432.00) to Chicago Title	8,594.00	
	ALTA Lenders Policy \$4,400,000.00 SI to Chicago Title	500.00	
	ALTA 8.2-06 - Commercial Environmental Protection Lien to Chicago Title	100.00	
	ALTA 9.2-06 - Restrictions, Encroachments, Minerals - Improved Land 2006 to Chicago Title	500.00	
	ALTA 9.9-06 - Private Rights to Chicago Title	500.00	
	ALTA 17-06 - Access and Entry to Chicago Title	75.00	
	ALTA 17-06 - Access and Entry to Chicago Title	75.00	
	ALTA 17.2-06 - Utility Access to Chicago Title	1,432.00	
	ALTA 18-06 - Single Tax Parcel to Chicago Title	100.00	
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	ALTA 26 - Subdivision 2021 to Chicago Title	716.00	
	ALTA 28-06 - Easement - Damage or Enforced Removal to Chicago Title	1,432.00	
	ALTA 28.1-06 - Encroachments - Boundaries and Easements to Chicago Title	1,432.00	
	ALTA 41-06 - Water - Buildings to Chicago Title	25.00	
	ALTA 41.1-06 - Water - Improvements to Chicago Title	716.00	
6,710.00	County Transfer Tax to Chicago Title		

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Seller			Buyer	
Debit	Credit		Debit	Credit
		Title/Escrow Charges (continued)		
		Recording Fees 2024000338972 to Chicago Title	91.00	
		Recording Fees - Estimated to Chicago Title	1,500.00	
		Recording Service Fee to Chicago Title	45.00	
		ALTA 6-06 to Chicago Title	0.00	
		ALTA 22.1-06 to Chicago Title	0.00	
		ALTA 25-06 to Chicago Title	0.00	
		ALTA 22-06 to Chicago Title	0.00	
		ALTA 25-06 to Chicago Title	0.00	
		SE-93 - Deletion of Arbitration 2006 Policy to Chicago Title	0.00	
		ALTA 9-06 REM to Chicago Title	0.00	
		ENDORSEMENT - SE 55 to Chicago Title	0.00	
		Miscellaneous Charges		
15,489.20		2nd half tax bill-Tax Parcel No. 203-562-14 to County of Orange		
26,128.69	6,100,000.00	Subtotals	6,350,984.74	4,852,429.49
		Balance Due FROM Buyer		1,498,555.25
6,073,871.31		Balance Due TO Seller		
6,100,000.00	6,100,000.00	Totals	6,350,984.74	6,350,984.74

*Paid outside of closing by buyer (B)

See signature page to follow

SIGNATURE PAGE TO BE ATTACHED TO THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT:
Closing Statement

BUYER(S):

I have carefully reviewed the Settlement Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is a true and accurate statement of all receipts and disbursements made on my account or by me in this transaction. I further certify that I have received a copy of the Settlement Statement.

6351 Westminster Blvd, LLC, a Wyoming limited liability company

BY: Andrew Fielder
Andrew Fielder
Managing Member

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I have carefully reviewed the Settlement Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is a true and accurate statement of all receipts and disbursements made on my account or by me in this transaction. I further certify that I have received a copy of the Settlement Statement.

Big Lots Stores - PNS, LLC, a California limited liability company

By: Jonathan Ramsden
Its: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

To the best of my knowledge, the Settlement Statement which I have prepared is a true and accurate account of the funds which were received and have been or will be disbursed by the undersigned as part of the settlement of this transaction.

Chicago Title Insurance Company

BY: Ruth Perry
Ruth Perry

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Chicago Title Insurance Company


BY: _____
Ruth Perry

EXHIBIT "B"

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

BIG LOTS, INC., et al.

Debtors

Case No.: 24-11967 (JKS)

Chapter 11

Judge: Hon. J. Kate Sickle

DECLARATION OF DERON CONWAY

I, Deron Conway, declare as follows:

1. I am one of the Creditors in this case. I am aware of the facts stated herein of my own knowledge and if called to testify, I could and would competently so testify.

2. I am a licensed real estate Salesperson in the State of California. My license is active and in good standing and has been at all times relevant to the matters in issue here.

3. I am familiar with the Property known as 6351 Westminster Blvd. Westminster, California 92683. I was the procuring cause of the sale of that Property, which was owned and sold by Big Lots Stores—PNC, LLC, to the Buyer, 6351 Westminster Blvd. LLC.

3. Attached to my Declaration is a true and correct copy of the Client Registration and Commission Agreement dated February 3, 2023, between Lipp CDS Inc. and Big Lots Stores—PNS, LLC. Lipp CDS Inc. is the brokerage that I worked with at the time.

1 4. Attached to my Declaration is a true and correct copy of the Purchase Agreement
2 between Big Lots Stores—PNS, LLC, a California limited liability company and 6351
3 Westminster Blvd. LLC, the effective date of the Agreement being February 2, 2023.

4 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
5 foregoing is true and correct.
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8 Executed on the 5 day/2025, 2025, at Los Angeles, California.

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11 DocuSigned by:

Deron Conway

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Broker: Lipp CDS Inc.
Agent: Deron M. Conway
California Salesperson #00997963

CLIENT REGISTRATION AND COMMISSION AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth a mutual understanding between **Lipp CDS, Inc.** ("Broker") and **Big Lots Stores – PNS, LLC** ("Seller") or assignee with regards to the payment of a commission to Broker for broker services rendered, if a sale is consummated between the below listed client of Broker and Seller, for the real property located at:

Big Lots Store # 4107
6351 Westminster Blvd.
Westminster, CA 92683

This Agreement is regarding the below listed Client and/or their Assignees:

BBIG Holdings, LLC

In the event that escrow closes between Client (which term shall include any assignee, nominee, affiliate or successor to the party first identified as the Client) and Seller (which term shall include any assignee, nominee, affiliate, representative or successor to the party first identified as the Seller), Seller agrees to pay a fee for service to Broker in an amount equal to One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000.00). Said fee shall be due and payable to Broker upon close of escrow and paid by the title company from the proceeds of the sale.

In the event that all or any portion of the fee is not paid within seven (7) days of the close of escrow, interest shall accrue thereon from the due date until paid at the rate of five (5) % per annum. In the event of any dispute or breach under the terms hereof, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in enforcing its rights hereunder.

The undersigned warrant that they're an officer of Seller and have the authority to execute this Agreement. The terms, provisions, covenants, and conditions contained in this agreement shall apply to, bind and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of Broker and Big Lots Stores – PNS, LLC ("Seller").

9121 W Russell Rd Suite 111 | Las Vegas, NV 89148
(P) 702.363.3100 | (F) 702.363.0450 | www.rofcre.com

DocuSign Envelope ID: AF85790E-0D60-45FC-A03C-69AFA98BA62B

Disclosure of Agency:

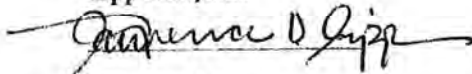
Pursuant to California Real Estate Division rules, it is disclosed and understood that Broker represents the Client (Buyer) in this transaction and is accepting compensation from the Seller who is representing itself.

This Agreement shall expire on February 1, 2024.

Receipt of copy of this Agreement is hereby acknowledged.

AGREED this 3 day of February 2023

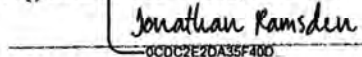
Lipp CDS, Inc.



BY: Larry Lipp

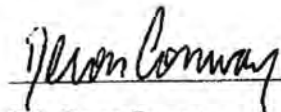
ITS: Broker

Big Lots Stores, Inc. ("Seller")


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BY: Jonathan Ramsden

ITS: EVP, CF&AO



BY: Deron Conway

ITS: Agent/Salesperson

PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS PURCHASE AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made by and among Big Lots Stores – PNS, LLC, a California limited liability company, successor-by-conversion from PNS Stores, Inc. (the "Seller"), and 6351 WESTMINSTER BLVD, LLC a Wyoming limited liability company ("Buyer"). The Effective Date of this Agreement shall be February 02, 2023 ("Effective Date").

SECTION 1 - THE PROPERTY.

1.1 - Agreement. Seller is the owner of the real property consisting of the property currently operating as a Big Lots Store located at the address commonly known as 6351 Westminister Blvd, Westminister, CA 92683 as more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, together with all improvements located thereon (the "Real Property"). Seller is also the owner or holder of certain appurtenant easements, rights, permits, entitlements, privileges and other intangible property relating to the Real Property (the "Intangibles"). The Real Property and Intangibles are all sometimes referred to collectively as (the "Property"). On the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Buyer desires to purchase from Seller, and Seller desires to sell to Buyer, the Property.

SECTION 2 - PURCHASE PRICE. Buyer agrees to pay Seller, as the purchase price for the Property, the sum of Six Million Eight Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$6,800,000) (the "Purchase Price"). The Purchase Price shall be paid as follows:

- (a) Within three (3) business days following the Effective Date of this Agreement, Buyer shall deposit the sum of Two Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$200,000.00) with the Title Company (as hereinafter defined) in escrow as an earnest money deposit (the "Earnest Deposit"). The Earnest Deposit shall be nonrefundable to Buyer upon the expiration of the Due Diligence Period (as hereinafter defined) except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, but shall be applicable to the Purchase Price at Closing (as hereinafter defined).
- (b) Buyer shall deliver to the Escrow Agent (as hereinafter defined) the Purchase Price, less the Earnest Deposit and the credits authorized to Buyer, in immediately available funds, on or prior to the Closing Date (as hereinafter defined).
- (c) Concurrently with depositing the Earnest Deposit with Escrow Holder, Buyer shall deposit, for immediate release to Seller, the sum of \$100.00 (the "Independent Consideration") as consideration for Buyer's right to purchase the Property and for Seller's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement. The Independent Consideration (i) is in addition to and independent of any other consideration or payment provided for in this Agreement, (ii) is non-refundable and (iii) shall be retained by Seller notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement.

SECTION 3 - ESCROW AND TITLE INSURANCE.

3.1 - Escrow Agent. The parties hereto designate Chicago Title Insurance Company - National Commercial Services, 12500 Reed Hartman Highway, Suite 120, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241, Attn: Rebecca Mishner ("Title Company") as the escrow agent ("Escrow Agent") in connection with this transaction. This Agreement shall serve as escrow instructions and shall be subject to the usual conditions of acceptance of Escrow Agent, insofar as the same are not inconsistent with any of the terms hereof. By execution of this Agreement, Title Company agrees that the Earnest Deposit shall be held as a deposit under this Agreement in an interest-bearing account and: (a) applied against the Purchase Price if Closing occurs; or (b) delivered to Seller or Buyer, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement upon the written approval of Seller and Buyer, if Closing does not occur. Interest on the Earnest Deposit shall be paid to the party entitled to receive the Earnest Deposit pursuant to this Agreement.

3.2 - Title/Survey.

- (a) Buyer's obligation to acquire the Property shall be conditioned upon Seller's ability to convey to Buyer fee simple title to the Real Property, and the issuance by Title Company to Buyer of an ALTA Extended Coverage Owner's Policy of Title Insurance with respect to the Real Property ("ALTA Owner's Policy") in the amount of the Purchase Price, subject only to the Permitted Exceptions defined below. Within ten (10) days after the Effective Date, Buyer shall have ordered from the Title Company one or more commitments (individually "Commitment" and collectively "Commitments") to issue one or more ALTA Owner's Policies of Title Insurance for the Real Property in an amount which equals the Purchase Price ("Title Policy"). Buyer shall have the right to order and obtain, at its expense, one or more surveys of the Real Property ("Survey"). In the event Buyer desires to obtain a Survey, then Buyer shall obtain same no later than fifty (50) days after the Effective Date. The Survey shall be prepared at Buyer's direction and certified to Seller, Buyer and the Title Company. The Survey shall be in form and substance sufficient to delete the standard survey exception from the applicable Title Policy.
- (b) Buyer shall have the right to object to: (i) any matters disclosed by the Commitment ("Title Objections") and (ii) any matters disclosed by the Survey ("Survey Objections"), provided that Buyer delivers written notice of any valid Title Objections or Survey Objections on or before the expiration of the Due Diligence Period; otherwise any such objections shall be deemed to be waived. With respect to new items identified in any supplemental title report or updated survey delivered after the expiration of the Due Diligence Period which materially and adversely affect the Real Property, Buyer shall have three (3) business days after receipt thereof (the "Supplemental Review Period") to disapprove any exceptions contained therein, otherwise such objections shall be deemed waived. If Buyer delivers in a timely manner written notice of any Title Objections and/or Survey Objections (including to any new items which Buyer timely objects to

during the Supplemental Review Period), then Seller shall have the right, in Seller's sole discretion, to: (i) cure the Title Objections and/or Survey Objections within ten (10) business days from the date of receipt of Buyer's objection to title and/or the Survey (the "Cure Period"), or (ii) at any time prior to or during the Cure Period, give notice to Buyer that Seller is either unable or unwilling to cure any or all of the Title Objections and/or Survey Objections (the "No Cure Notice"). If Seller does not fully cure the Title Objections and/or Survey Objections within the Cure Period, or if Seller delivers the No Cure Notice, then Buyer shall elect to do one (1) of the following: (x) terminate this Agreement, whereupon Escrow Agent shall promptly deliver the Earnest Deposit to Buyer, or (y) waive the Title Objections and/or Survey Objections and purchase the Property with such condition of title as Seller is able to convey and/or subject to the Title Objections and/or Survey Objections, without a reduction of the Purchase Price therefor, in which event the items objected to which were not cured shall be deemed to be acceptable to Buyer. Buyer shall make the foregoing election within two (2) business days after receiving the No Cure Notice or within two (2) business days after the expiration of the Cure Period, whichever is earlier; provided, however, that if Buyer fails to timely make such election, then Buyer shall be deemed to have elected to purchase the Property pursuant to the foregoing clause (y). All matters shown in the Commitment that are accepted by Buyer and/or are deemed to be accepted by Buyer pursuant to this Section 3.2 are collectively referred to herein as the "Permitted Exceptions."

3.3 - Release of Mortgages. Except for real estate taxes and assessments not yet due and payable as of the Closing and the Permitted Exceptions, it shall be a condition to Buyer's obligation to close that all mortgages, liens and other encumbrances of ascertainable amounts incurred by, for, or on behalf of the Seller shall be paid by Seller at or prior to Closing and removed from record by Title Company.

SECTION 4- CONVEYANCE. On the Closing Date, Seller shall convey title the Real Property by (as the case may be) grant deed or special or limited warranty deed, as applicable in the applicable jurisdiction in which the applicable Real Estate is situated ("Deed"), in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the parties hereto, based on consultations with their respective local counsel(s), as the case may be, and free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the Permitted Exceptions.

SECTION 5 - PRORATIONS AND CLOSING COSTS.

5.1 - Property Operating Expenses. Operating Expenses (as hereinafter defined) for the Property shall be prorated as of 12:01 a.m., Pacific Time on the Closing Date. Seller shall pay all utility charges and other operating expenses, if any and excluding Taxes (collectively, the "Operating Expenses"), attributable to the Real Property incurred prior to, but not including, the Closing Date and Buyer shall pay all utility charges and other operating expenses attributable to the Real Property incurred on or after the Closing Date. If Seller is responsible for any public utility

expenses with respect to the Real Property, meters for all public utilities (including water) being used on the Real Property shall be ordered read by Seller on the day of giving possession to Buyer and all charges to said date shall be paid by Seller. To the extent that the amount of actual consumption of any utility services is not determined prior to the Closing Date, a proration shall be made at Closing based on the last available reading and post-closing adjustments between Buyer and Seller shall be made within twenty (20) days of the date that actual consumption for such pre-Closing period is determined, which obligation shall survive the Closing and shall not be merged therein. Seller shall not assign to Buyer any deposits which Seller has with any of the utility services or companies servicing the Real Property. Buyer shall arrange with such services and companies to have accounts opened in Buyer's name beginning at 12:01 a.m., Eastern Time, on the Closing Date.

5.2 - Real Estate Taxes and Assessments.

- (a) All real estate taxes and assessments, both general and special, with respect to the Real Property (collectively, "Taxes") for the current fiscal year of the applicable taxing authority in which the Closing Date occurs shall be prorated on a per diem basis as of 11:59 p.m. on the day prior to the Closing Date. Seller shall pay Taxes attributable to the Property to, but not including, the Closing Date and Buyer shall pay all Taxes attributable to the Property on or after the Closing Date. If the Closing occurs prior to the receipt by Seller of the bill for Taxes for the calendar year in which the Closing occurs, Taxes shall be prorated on the basis of the last officially certified and available tax duplicate. Seller shall be responsible for Taxes payable in respect to periods prior to the Closing, and shall be entitled to any rebates and refunds for such periods. Buyer shall be responsible for Taxes on the Real Property payable in respect to all periods after the Closing and shall be entitled to any rebates and refunds for such periods. Such proration of Taxes will be final.

5.3 - Costs to be Paid by Seller. Seller shall pay or be charged with the following costs and expenses in connection with this transaction:

- (a) All state (and if applicable county and city) documentary transfer, sales, stamp and similar taxes and conveyance fees on the sale and transfer of the Property;
- (b) one-half (1/2) of the escrow fee charged by Escrow Agent;
- (c) the premium for the standard coverage portion of the Title Policy;
- (d) Seller's share of prorations; and
- (e) the fees and expenses of Seller's attorney(s).

5.4 - Costs to be Paid by Buyer. Buyer shall pay the following costs and expenses in connection with this transaction:

transaction contemplated by this Agreement, or seeking damages against Seller in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

If any of the foregoing conditions are not fulfilled by the Closing, then Seller shall have the right, exercisable by delivering written notice to Buyer, to terminate this Agreement, then the Earnest Deposit, including any interest earned thereon, shall be promptly refunded to Buyer; provided, however, that in the event any failure of a condition constitutes a material default by Buyer under Section 10.2 below, then Seller shall be entitled to exercise the remedies set forth in Section 10.2.

6.3 - Buyer's Conditions to Close. Escrow shall not close unless and until the following conditions precedent and contingencies have been satisfied or waived in writing by the Buyer:

- (a) All instruments described in Section 6.4 shall have been timely delivered to Escrow Agent;
- (b) On the Closing, Seller shall not be in default in the performance of any material covenant or agreement to be performed by Seller under this Agreement;
- (c) On the Closing, all representations and warranties made by Seller in Section 9.1 hereof shall be true and correct in all material respects as if made on and as of the Closing;
- (d) The Title Company is irrevocably committed to issue to Buyer the Owner's Title Policy;
- (e) All of the conditions in favor of Buyer set forth in Section 3 shall have been satisfied or waived by Buyer in the manner set forth therein;
- (f) No material adverse change shall have occurred with respect to the of the Real Property or the condition of title between the expiration of the Due Diligence Period and the Closing;

If any of the foregoing conditions are not fulfilled by the Closing, Buyer may elect to terminate this Agreement, in which event the Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer.

6.4 - Closing Deliveries.

- (a) Seller's Closing Deliveries. Not later than 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the Closing Date, Seller shall deliver to Escrow Agent:
 - (i) the Deed;
 - (ii) signed counterparts of Assignment of Intangible Property, if any;
 - (iii) a certificate and affidavit of non-foreign status;
 - (iv) a completed 1099-S request for taxpayer identification number and certification and acknowledgment for Seller;

- (v) a title affidavit from Seller reasonably required by Escrow Agent that will enable Buyer to obtain the Title Policies free of any general exception for either mechanics' or materialmen's liens or parties in possession;
 - (vi) resolution of Seller authorizing the sale of the applicable Property pursuant to this Agreement and the authority of the officer executing the closing documents on behalf of Seller;
 - (vii) a settlement statement with respect to the Closing;
 - (viii) exclusive possession of the Property to Buyer; and
 - (ix) such other closing documents as may be reasonably necessary to consummate the transaction contemplated herein.
- (b) Buyer's Closing Deliveries. Not later than 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the Closing Date, Buyer shall deliver to Escrow Agent:
- (i) a settlement statement with respect to the Closing;
 - (ii) such other closing documents as may be reasonably necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated herein; and
 - (iii) the Purchase Price less the Earnest Deposit and any credits to which Buyer is expressly entitled hereunder.
- (c) Title Company and Escrow Agent Obligations. At Closing, Title Company or Escrow Agent (as the case may be) shall:
- (i) pay to Seller the Purchase Price less any credits to which Buyer is entitled;
 - (ii) deliver the Deed to Buyer by filing the Deed for record in the public records for the jurisdiction in which the Real Property is located;
 - (iii) issue the Title Policy or Title Policies; and
 - (iv) charge Seller and Buyer for the closing costs as set forth in Section 5 above.

6.5 - Covenants of Seller Pending Closing.

(a) From and after the Effective Date through the Closing Date, Seller shall not modify, cancel, extend or otherwise change in any manner, the terms, covenants or conditions of any insurance policy insuring the Real Property, nor enter into any contracts for services or otherwise that may be binding upon the Property or upon Buyer, nor shall any easements be created or any licenses given on the Property, nor shall any legal action be taken with respect to the Property, without the express prior written consent of Buyer, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Buyer acknowledges and agrees that Seller intends to cease all operations of the Big Lot Store

presently operating from the Real Property at or prior to Closing. Seller shall remove from the Property prior to the Closing any of Seller's goods, trade fixtures, furniture, equipment, signage and other personal property located at the Real Property.

(b) From the Effective Date through and including the Closing Date, Seller will not, without the prior written consent of Buyer, convey any interest in any license or permit or entitlement affecting any of the Property, and Seller will not subject any Property to any additional liens, encumbrances, covenants, conditions, easements, rights of way or similar matters which will not be eliminated prior to the Close of Escrow.

SECTION 7- CONDITION OF PROPERTY.

7.1 - "As-Is" Condition. BUYER HEREBY EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT BUYER WILL HAVE, AS OF THE CLOSING, THOROUGHLY INSPECTED AND EXAMINED THE STATUS OF TITLE TO THE PROPERTY AND THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY TO THE EXTENT DEEMED NECESSARY BY BUYER IN ORDER TO ENABLE BUYER TO EVALUATE THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY. BUYER HEREBY FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT, SUBJECT TO SELLER'S EXPRESS REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT, AND EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT, BUYER IS RELYING SOLELY UPON THE INSPECTION, EXAMINATION, AND EVALUATION OF THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY BY BUYER AND THAT BUYER IS PURCHASING, AND AT CLOSING WILL ACCEPT, THE PROPERTY ON AN "AS IS," "WHERE IS" AND "WITH ALL FAULTS" BASIS, WITHOUT REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND/OR COVENANTS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, OF ANY KIND OR NATURE; EXCEPT FOR SELLER'S EXPRESS REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT. BUYER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SELLER HAS MADE NO AGREEMENT TO ALTER, REPAIR OR IMPROVE THE PROPERTY, OTHER THAN ANY ALTERATIONS OR REPAIRS WHICH ARE REQUIRED AS PART OF BUYER'S COVENANT IN SECTION 6.5(c).

Except as specifically set forth in this Agreement, Buyer acknowledges and agrees that it has not (and shall not) rely upon any statement and/or information from whomsoever made or given (including, but not limited to, any broker, attorney, agent, employee or other person representing or purporting to represent Seller) directly or indirectly, verbally or in writing, and Seller is not and shall not be liable or bound by any such statement and/or information.

Except as specifically set forth in this Agreement, Seller specifically disclaims any representation, warranty or guaranty with respect to the Property, express or implied, including, but not limited to, any representation or warranty as to the Property's condition, fitness for a particular purpose, quality, freedom from defects or contamination (whether or not detectable by

inspection), compliance with zoning or other legal requirements or as to the availability or existence of any utility or other governmental or private services or as to the amount of taxes assessed to the Property.

7.2 - Release of Claims Under Environmental Laws. Buyer, on behalf of itself and all future owners and occupants of the Real Property, hereby waives and releases Seller from, including, but not limited to, any claims for recovery of costs associated with conduct of any voluntary action or any remedial responses, corrective action or closure under any applicable federal, state or local environmental laws ("Environmental Laws"), including, but not limited to, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq., as amended from time to time; and any similar federal, state and local laws and ordinances and the regulations and rules implementing such statutes, laws and ordinances. The foregoing waiver and release of Seller under this Section 7.2 shall be set forth in the Deed and shall be binding upon all future owners and occupants of the Real Property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the foregoing waiver and release under this Section 7.2 shall not modify, limit or otherwise affect Seller's representations and warranties set forth in Section 9.1 hereof or Seller's liability hereunder for any breach thereof; nor shall Seller be released from, and Buyer shall not waive its claims against Seller with respect to: (a) any breach of Seller's representations, warranties, covenants or other obligations under this Agreement or any documents executed pursuant to this Agreement, (b) any third-party personal injury which arises during Seller's period of ownership, or (c) Seller's fraud or willful misconduct.

SECTION 8 – DUE DILIGENCE. The Close of Escrow is subject to and contingent on Buyer's approval, in its sole and absolute discretion, of all aspects of the Property on or before the expiration of the Due Diligence Period. Buyer may elect to approve or disapprove the Property (or any aspect thereof) in Buyer's sole and absolute discretion.

8.1 - Seller's Due Diligence Materials. To the extent not previously delivered, Seller shall, no later than three (3) business days after the Effective Date, deliver to Buyer's broker, with a copy to Buyer, copies of the following documents for review, if in Seller's actual possession and readily available (and to the extent said documents exist): a copy of an ALTA survey for each Property, copies of environmental reports, property condition reports, license agreements, plans, specifications, surveys, maintenance and repair records, permits and other approvals and licenses and entitlements related to the Real Property, zoning confirmations, drainage, engineering, utilities check, operating statements, operating expense reports, rent rolls related to the Real Property and reconciliations, tax bills, notices received from any governmental authority, any notices, correspondence and other documents relating to any litigation or condemnation affecting the Real Property, soil borings, service contracts,

tax receipts, title policies, utility information, tenant correspondence, primary contact information for each Tenant, the Leases and all amendments thereto and guaranties and assignments thereof, and site plans (collectively, the "Due Diligence Material"). Buyer hereby acknowledges that the Due Diligence Material is all the information necessary to facilitate Buyer's due diligence review of the Property and that Seller makes no representation or warranty about the accuracy or completeness of the Due Diligence Material.

8.2 - Inspections and Reports; Review of Title and Survey. Buyer shall have fifteen (15) days, commencing on the Effective Date (the "Due Diligence Period"), to perform any and all due diligence relating to the Property, and Seller shall permit Buyer and Buyer's representatives to enter any of the Real Property at any reasonable time for any purpose in connection with Buyer's proposed purchase, development or operation of the Real Property, including, without limitation, the right make such non-invasive inspections, investigations and tests as Buyer may elect to make or obtain, including without limitation, environmental (Phase I and/or Phase II), soils, seismic, geologic and engineering tests, analyses and studies' (collectively, the "Inspections"). provided Buyer shall provide Seller sufficient information to permit Seller to review and reasonably approve the scope of any invasive Inspections, including, without limitation, Phase II environmental sampling, soils, seismic, geologic and engineering tests, analyses, and studies. During the Due Diligence Period, pursuant to Section 3.2 above, Buyer shall also review the status of title to the Real Property and all matters relating to the Survey. Buyer shall promptly repair any damage to the Real Property attributable to the conduct of the Inspections, and shall promptly return the Real Property to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the conduct thereof. No Inspections shall be conducted without Seller's approval as to the time and manner thereof, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed and without at least twenty-four (24) hours prior notice from Buyer to Seller. At Seller's request, any such Inspection shall be performed in the presence of a representative of Seller.

If the results of the Inspections or the content of the Commitments, the Survey, and/or any reports or other written materials or information obtained or generated in connection with the conduct of the Inspections (the "Reports") are not acceptable to Buyer, then Buyer, in its sole discretion, may terminate this Agreement by written notice given to Seller on or prior to the last day of the Due Diligence Period, and neither of the parties hereto shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder except for obligations that specifically survive the termination of this Agreement. If Buyer fails to terminate this Agreement on or prior to the last day of the Due Diligence Period, such failure shall not be deemed an election by Buyer to disapprove the Property. In addition, in the event that Buyer elects to terminate this Agreement (or is deemed to have terminated this Agreement) pursuant to this Section 8.2, then the Earnest Deposit, including any interest earned thereon, shall be promptly refunded to Buyer.

Buyer hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Seller from and against any losses, liabilities, damages, costs or expenses incurred by Seller as a result of Buyer's exercise of the right of inspection granted under this Section; provided, however, the foregoing indemnity shall not apply with respect to any claims arising out of the mere discovery of any adverse condition at any Real Property, any preexisting conditions at a Real Property or any acts or omissions of Seller, its officers, directors, shareholders, agents or employees. Buyer acknowledges and agrees that any such Inspections conducted by Buyer or Buyer's agents and representatives shall solely be at the risk of Buyer. Buyer shall cause any agent or representative which performs such Inspections to carry commercial general liability insurance covering all activities conducted on the Real Property ("Liability Insurance"). In the event Buyer or its employees perform any such Inspections, Buyer shall also carry Liability Insurance. Such Liability Insurance shall have limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for personal injury to or death of any one person, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for personal injury to or death of any number of persons in any one accident and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for property damage, and shall name Seller as an additional insured. All of the obligations of Buyer under this Section shall survive Closing or the termination of this Agreement.

8.3 - Confidentiality. Buyer agrees that it shall treat all Due Diligence Material as confidential and proprietary to Seller. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary contained herein, Buyer shall not disclose, summarize or otherwise provide any or all of the Due Diligence Materials to third parties except: (a) to the extent necessary in connection with its evaluation of the Property; (b) to the extent required by law; (c) to Buyer's mortgage lender(s) or investors, if any, involved in the transaction contemplated by this Agreement; or (d) with the express written consent of Seller. Prior to disclosing or providing access to any Due Diligence Material to any of the Buyer's agents or representatives, Buyer shall (i) advise such parties of this Section and Buyer's obligations hereunder and (ii) require that such parties treat the Due Diligence Material in accordance herewith. If this Agreement terminates in accordance with the terms hereof, Buyer shall promptly return to Seller or destroy all Due Diligence Material it received and shall not retain any copies of the Due Diligence Material; provided, however, that Buyer has the ability to keep a copy of the Due Diligence Material for compliance purposes or for the purpose of defending or maintaining litigation or threatened litigation. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and except to the extent required by Law, neither Buyer nor Buyer's agents shall contact any governmental authority regarding Buyer's discovery of any Hazardous Substances (as hereinafter defined) on, or any environmental conditions at, a Real Property without Seller's prior written consent thereto. In addition, if Seller's consent is obtained by Buyer, Seller shall be entitled to receive at least five (5) business days prior written notice of the intended contact and to have a representative present when Buyer has any such contact with any governmental official or representative. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "Hazardous Substances" shall have the same definition as is set forth in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601 et seq.

(the "Superfund Act"); provided, however, that the definition of the term "Hazardous Substances" shall also include (if not included within the definition contained in the Superfund Act) petroleum and related byproducts, hydrocarbons, radon, asbestos, urea formaldehyde and polychlorinated biphenyl compounds. Buyer agrees that Seller may seek injunctive relief to prevent or limit an unauthorized disclosure of the Due Diligence Materials and may also pursue any other remedies available under law or equity as a result of a breach or anticipated breach of this Section. All of the obligations of Buyer under this Section 8.3 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 9 - REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.

9.1 - By Seller. Seller represents and warrants to Buyer that:

- (a) Big Lots Stores – PNS, LLC is a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of California.
- (b) Seller has the capacity and authority to execute this Agreement and perform the obligations of Seller under this Agreement. All actions necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by Seller has been taken and such action has not been rescinded or modified.
- (c) To the best knowledge of Seller, the execution and delivery of this Agreement and performance by Seller will not conflict with or result in a violation of, or breach of, or constitute a default under, any law or administrative regulation or any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any judgment, decree, loan agreement, bond, note, resolution, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust or other agreement or instrument to which it is a party and which affects the Property.
- (d) Seller is not a "foreign Person" within the meaning of Section 1445 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (e) Seller has not (i) made a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, (ii) filed any voluntary petition in bankruptcy or suffered the filing of any involuntary petition by Seller's creditors, (iii) suffered the appointment of a receiver to take possession of all, or substantially all, of Seller's assets, (iv) suffered the attachment or other judicial seizure of all, or substantially all, of Seller's assets, (v) admitted in writing its inability to pay its debts as they come due, or (vi) made an offer of settlement, extension or composition to its creditors generally.
- (f) Neither Seller nor any affiliate of Seller has granted any options or rights of first refusal to acquire any interest in of the Real Property (or any portion thereof) to any Tenant under the Leases or to any other party.
- (g) There are no pending or, to Seller's actual knowledge (with no duty of inquiry or investigation), threatened actions, suits, arbitrations, claims or proceedings, at law or in equity, affecting all or any portion of the Real Property or in which Seller is

or will be a party by reason of its ownership of the Real Property, including, without limitation, judicial, municipal or administrative proceedings in eminent domain, health and safety violations, personal injuries or property damages alleged to have occurred on the Real Property or by reason of the condition or use of the Real Property.

- (h) Seller has received no written notice of (1) any violations of any laws, rules, regulations, codes or ordinances of any governmental authority with respect to the Real Property (including, without limitation, Environmental Laws) or (2) defaults under any easement, covenant, condition, restriction or similar provision in any instrument of record or other unrecorded agreement affecting the Real Property.
- (i) To Seller's actual knowledge, with no duty of inquiry or investigation, all operations or activities upon, or use or occupancy of, the Real Property by Seller and any current or prior tenant, occupant or owner of the Real Property is and has been in all material respects in compliance with all state, federal and local laws and regulations governing or in any way relating to the generation, handling, manufacturing, treatment, storage, use, transportation, spillage, leakage, dumping, discharge, release or disposal (whether accidental or intentional) of any Hazardous Substance and neither Seller, nor to the Seller's actual knowledge, with no duty of inquiry, any current or prior tenant or occupant or owner of the Real Property has engaged in or permitted any dumping, discharge, disposal, spillage or leakage (accidental or intentional) of such Hazardous Substances at, on, in, under, or about the Real Property in violation of Environmental Laws. To Seller's actual knowledge, with no duty of inquiry or investigation, there has been no production, storage or disposal on the Real Property of any Hazardous Substance. There are not now and have never been any underground storage tanks located on the Real Property.
- (j) Seller is in compliance with, and, to Seller's knowledge, all beneficial owners of Seller are, in compliance with the requirements of Executive Order No. 13224, 66 Fed. Reg. 49079 (September 25, 2001) (the "**Order**") and other similar requirements contained in the rules and regulations of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury ("**OFAC**") and in any enabling legislation or other Executive Orders in respect thereof (the Order and such other rules, regulations, legislation, or orders are collectively called the "**OFAC Laws**").
- (k) To Seller's actual knowledge, with no duty of inquiry or investigation, Seller is not aware of any material inaccuracies in the Due Diligence Material delivered or made available to Buyer pursuant to this Agreement.

In the event that any representation or warranty by Seller is not accurate as of the Closing Date, Buyer, as its sole and exclusive remedy, shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in which event the Earnest Deposit shall be returned to Buyer by Title Company, Seller shall pay for any title and survey fees and neither party hereto shall have any further obligations hereunder except for such obligations and indemnities which expressly survive the termination of this Agreement. Each of the representations and warranties of Seller contained in this Agreement is made as of the

Effective Date and as of the Closing Date, and shall survive the Closing and recording of the Deed for a period of nine (9) months following the Closing (the "Survival Period").

9.2 - By Buyer. Buyer represents and warrants to Seller as of the Effective Date that:

- (a) Buyer is duly created and validly existing pursuant to the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization and is duly qualified to do business in the jurisdiction in which the Real Property are situated if and to the extent that such qualification is required.
- (b) Buyer has the capacity and authority to execute this Agreement and perform the obligations of Buyer under this Agreement. All action necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by Buyer has been taken, and such action has not been rescinded or modified. Upon the execution of this Agreement, this Agreement will be legally binding upon Buyer and enforceable against Buyer in accordance with all of its provisions. The person signing this Agreement on behalf of Buyer has been duly authorized to sign and deliver this Agreement on behalf of Buyer.
- (c) Buyer is not subject to any judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction or governmental agency that would limit or restrict Buyer's right to enter into and carry out this Agreement.
- (d) Neither the execution of this Agreement nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein by Buyer will constitute a breach under any contract or agreement to which Buyer is a party or by which Buyer is bound or affected.
- (e) No consent or approval of any third party (including, without limitation any governmental authority) is or was required in connection with Buyer's execution and delivery of this Agreement or its consummation of the transaction contemplated herein.
- (f) None of the funds to be used for payment by Buyer of the Purchase Price will be subject to 18 U.S.C. §§ 1956-1957 (Laundering of Money Instruments), 18 U.S.C. §§ 981-986 (Federal Asset Forfeiture), 18 U.S.C. §§ 881 (Drug Property Seizure), Executive Order Number 13224 on Terrorism Financing, effective September 24, 2001, or the United and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001, H.R. 3162, Public Law 107-56 (the "USA Patriot Act").
- (g) Buyer is not, and will not become, a person or entity with whom U.S. persons are restricted from doing business with under the regulations of the Office of Foreign Asset Control ("OFAC") of the Department of Treasury (including those named on OFAC's Specially Designated and Blocked Persons list) or under any statute, executive order (including the September 24, 2001 Executive Order Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism), the USA Patriot Act, or other governmental action.

Buyer shall fully disclose to Seller, immediately upon Buyer's becoming aware of its occurrence, any change in facts or circumstances of which Buyer becomes aware prior to the Closing Date that may affect the representations and warranties set forth above. In the event that any representation or warranty by Buyer is not accurate as of the Closing Date, Seller, as its sole and exclusive remedy, shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in which event the Earnest Deposit shall be delivered and paid to Seller by Title Company and neither party hereto shall have any further obligations hereunder except for such obligations and indemnities which expressly survive the termination of this Agreement, and Seller expressly waives the right to sue Buyer for damages.

SECTION 10 - DEFAULT.

10.1 - Seller Default. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, if Closing does not occur by reason of a material default by Seller which continues for five (5) days after written notice from Buyer, then Buyer shall have the right, as its sole and exclusive remedy, to either (a) terminate this Agreement, in which event Buyer shall receive the Earnest Deposit and Seller shall reimburse Buyer for Buyer's actual and verifiable, out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the transaction contemplated by this Agreement (not to exceed the sum of One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$100,000.00) and neither of the parties hereto shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder, except for obligations that specifically survive the termination, or (b) sue Seller for specific performance. Other than the remedies set forth in the foregoing (a) and (b), no other remedy or relief shall be available to Buyer, and Buyer hereby waives any and all other remedies, including the right to sue Seller for damages. In the event that Buyer's right to sue for specific performance is unavailable as a remedy to Buyer because of Seller's affirmative acts, Buyer shall be entitled to pursue all rights and remedies available at law or in equity, provided, however, any recovery by Buyer shall not exceed the sum of One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$100,000.00) and shall be limited to Buyer's actual and verifiable, out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the transaction contemplated by this Agreement. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, Buyer's right to sue Seller for specific performance is contingent upon Buyer filing suit against Seller for specific performance within ninety (90) days after the occurrence of Seller's material default delaying Closing and, in the event that Buyer does not file suit for specific performance within such ninety (90) day period, Buyer shall be deemed to have waived its right to sue Seller for specific performance, and the remedy set forth in Section 10.1(a) above to terminate this Agreement shall be Buyer's sole and exclusive remedy.

10.2 - Buyer Default. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, if the sale of the Property to Buyer is not consummated solely because of Buyer's material default under the express terms of this Agreement following the Due Diligence Period, Seller shall be entitled, as its sole and exclusive remedy, to terminate this Agreement, and the Earnest Deposit shall be delivered to Seller as agreed-upon

liquidated damages as Seller's sole remedy. Seller and Buyer acknowledge that: (a) it would be impossible to accurately determine Seller's damages in the event of Buyer's default; (b) the Earnest Deposit is fair and equitable; and (c) Seller expressly waives the right to exercise any and all other rights available at law or in equity. The limitation of damages set forth herein shall not apply to any indemnities, covenants or obligations of Buyer which expressly survive either the termination of this Agreement or Closing, for which Seller shall be entitled to all rights and remedies available at law or in equity. Buyer shall not be deemed to be in default under this Agreement unless Seller shall have given written notice to Buyer and Buyer shall not have cured such default within five (5) business days after receipt of Seller's notice. The Closing Date shall be extended, as necessary, to accommodate the notice and cure period provided that notice is delivered prior to the expiration of this Agreement. -

10.3 - BROKERS. Except Lipp CDS, Inc. and ROI Commercial Real Estate, Inc., which shall both be paid by Seller pursuant to a separate agreement, Seller and Buyer each represent and warrant that they have not been represented by any broker in connection with the sale of the Property and no commissions or fees are due to any other broker or finder by reason of either party's actions in this matter. Buyer and Seller shall each be responsible for all liability, if any, for any broker or finder fees payable with respect to the sale of the Property that are attributable to its actions. Seller and Buyer shall and do each hereby indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other from and against the claims, demands, actions and judgments of any and all brokers, agents and other persons or entities alleging a commission, fee or other payment to be owing by reason of their respective dealings, negotiations or communications in connection with this Agreement or the purchase and sale of the Property. The indemnity obligations in this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement or the Closing.

SECTION 11 - EMINENT DOMAIN. In the event of a taking of any portion of the Real Property by eminent domain for any public or quasi-public use which is reasonably estimated by Seller to be valued at five percent (5%) of the Purchase Price allocated to such Real Property or more, or if notice of intent of a taking or a sale in lieu of taking, which is reasonably estimated by Seller to be valued at five percent (5%) of the Purchase Price or more, is received by Seller or Buyer, at or prior to Closing, then Buyer shall have the right, to be exercised within thirty (30) days after notice of such taking or intended taking by written notice to Seller, to notify Seller whether it elects to proceed with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or to terminate this Agreement. Failure to deliver notice is deemed Buyer's election to terminate this Agreement. If Buyer elects (or is deemed to have elected) to terminate this Agreement, Buyer shall receive the Earnest Deposit and neither of the parties hereto shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder except for obligations that specifically survive the termination. In the event this Agreement is not terminated or Buyer is not entitled to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section, Buyer shall consummate this transaction on Closing Date (with no reductions in the Purchase Price), and Buyer

shall be entitled to participate in any such condemnation or eminent domain proceedings and to receive all of the proceeds attributable to any portion of the Real Property to be conveyed to Buyer.

SECTION 12 – CASUALTY. If prior to the Closing Date, all or any material portion of a Real Property is destroyed or damaged as a result of fire or any other cause whatsoever, Seller shall notify Buyer in writing of such fact (which writing shall detail the amount of insurance recoverable). In the event the cost, as reasonably determined by Seller, to restore the damaged portion of a Real Property is in excess of five percent (5%) of the Purchase Price allocated to such Real Property, Buyer shall have the option to terminate this Agreement upon notice to Seller given within thirty (30) days after Buyer's receipt of Seller's written notice aforesaid. Failure to deliver notice is deemed Buyer's election to terminate this Agreement. Upon such termination, Escrow Agent shall return the Earnest Deposit to Buyer, this Agreement shall terminate and neither party shall have any further obligation or liability to the other. In the event Buyer does not so elect to terminate this Agreement as aforesaid, and/or is not entitled to terminate pursuant to this Section, Seller shall assign to Buyer any insurance claims and the amount of any deductible shall be subtracted from the Purchase Price and Buyer shall acquire the Property pursuant to this Agreement without any reduction in the Purchase Price. In the event of an uninsured casualty, Buyer shall receive a credit against the Purchase Price in the amount of the cost to repair and restore the Property (as determined by a mutually agreed upon third-party contractor).

SECTION 13 – [Intentionally Omitted].

SECTION 14 - MISCELLANEOUS.

14.1 - Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio, without regard to rules regarding conflicts of laws.

14.2 - Counterparts; Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same document. Execution and delivery of this Agreement by electronic exchange bearing the copies of a party's signature shall constitute a valid and binding execution and delivery of this Agreement by such party. Such electronic copies shall constitute enforceable original documents.

14.3 - Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with the attached exhibit(s), contains all of the terms and conditions of the agreement between the parties hereto, and any and all prior and contemporaneous oral and written agreements are merged herein.

14.4 - Modifications and Waivers. This Agreement cannot be changed nor can any provision of this Agreement, or any right or remedy of any party, be waived orally. Changes and waivers can be made only in writing, and the change or waiver must be signed by the party against whom the change or waiver is sought to be enforced. Any waiver of any provision of this Agreement, or any right or remedy, given on any one or more occasions shall not be deemed a waiver with respect to any other occasion.

14.5 - Parties Bound. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, successors, and assigns of the parties hereto.

14.6 - Assignment. Buyer may not assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement without Seller's prior written consent; provided, however, at and concurrently with a Closing hereunder, Buyer may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement, in whole or in part, to one or more entities without the consent of Seller, provided and on the condition that: (a) Buyer shall have given Seller written notice of the assignment and the identity of the assignee(s) at least seven (7) days prior to Closing; (b) Buyer is an affiliate of each assignee; and (c) such assignee(s) shall have assumed Buyer's obligations hereunder by a written instrument of assumption in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Seller. Notwithstanding any such assignment, Buyer shall nevertheless remain liable for all of Buyer's obligations hereunder.

14.7 - Notices. All notices, requests and other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when made by personal delivery, sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, next or second business day by delivery by a nationally recognized overnight courier, addressed as follows, or email followed by another permitted means of delivery. Notice shall be deemed given on the date on which the notice is received or refused by a party in the case of personal delivery or email, the date on which it is deposited in the U.S. Mail, in the case of registered or certified mail, or on the next or second (whichever is applicable) business day immediately following receipt by the courier, in the case of an overnight courier:

If to Seller: Big Lots Stores – PNS, LLC
4900 East Dublin Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43081
Attn: Chris Macke
Director, Real Estate Counsel
Email: cmacke@biglots.com

and

Big Lots Stores – PNS, LLC
4900 East Dublin Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43081
Attn: Ronald A. Robins, Jr. (Rocky)
EVP, Chief Legal and Governance Officer
Email: rrobins@biglots.com

With a copy to: Jacinto A. Nunez
Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

50 S. Main Street
Suite 1100
Akron, Ohio 44224
Email: janunez@vorys.com

If to Buyer: 6351 WESTMINSTER BLVD, LLC
Att: David Lipp
Email: David.lipp@backbayig.com
3857 Birch St #195
Newport Beach, CA 92660

AND

6351 WESTMINSTER BLVD, LLC
Att: Andrew Fielder
Email: Andrew.Fielder@backbayig.com
3857 Birch St #195
Newport Beach, CA 92660

With copy to: Michael Steponovich
STEPONOVICH & ASSOCIATES
Email: mike@stepolaw.com
120 Vantis Drive, Suite 300
Aliso Viejo, California 92656-2677

Section Headings. The captions in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be considered a part of or affect the construction or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement.

14.8 - Severability. If one or more of the provisions of this Agreement or the application thereof shall be invoked, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions or any other application thereof shall in no way be affected or impaired.

14.9 - Time of the Essence. The parties agree that time is of the essence and that the failure of a party hereto to perform any act on or before the date specified herein for performance thereof shall be deemed cause for the termination hereof by the other party, without prejudice to other remedies available for default hereunder.

14.10 - Confidentiality. Without the prior written consent of the other party, neither Seller nor Buyer will disclose to any person, other than their legal counsel, auditors, accountants, investors or a proposed lender, either the fact that this Agreement has been entered into or any of the terms,

conditions or other facts with respect thereto, including the status thereof; provided, that either party hereto may make such disclosure if compelled by court order or to comply with the requirements of any law, governmental order or regulation.

14.11 - Further Action. The parties hereto shall at any time, and from time to time on and after the Closing Date, upon the request of either, to, execute, acknowledge and deliver all such further acts, deeds, assignments and other instruments as may be reasonably required for the consummation of this transaction.

14.12 - Construction. This Agreement shall not be construed more strictly against one party than against the other merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by counsel for one of the parties hereto, it being recognized that both Seller and Buyer have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Agreement.

14.13 - No Recording. Neither this Agreement nor any memorandum or short form thereof may be recorded by Buyer.

14.14 - Third-Party Beneficiary. The provisions of this Agreement are not intended to benefit any parties other than Seller and Buyer.

14.15 - Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in any action between the parties hereto seeking the enforcement of any of the terms and provisions of this Agreement, or in connection with the Property, the prevailing party in such action shall be awarded, in addition to damages, injunctive or other relief, its reasonable costs and expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees.

14.16 - 1031 Exchange. If so requested by either party, the other party will cooperate in structuring and completing this transaction for the requesting party so as to effect a like-kind exchange pursuant to Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In particular, such other party will consent to the assignment by the requesting party prior to the Closing hereunder of its rights hereunder to a "qualified intermediary" or other third party for such purposes. The foregoing notwithstanding, in connection with any such exchange, neither party shall have any obligation to acquire title to any real property nor to enter into any contract: (a) that may create or impose upon such party any non-monetary obligation or negative covenant; (b) that does not provide that the sole and exclusive remedy of any seller for a breach shall be to retain as liquidated damages the deposit paid to said seller; or (c) that requires such party to execute any mortgage, deed of trust or similar financing instrument. It is further agreed that: (a) neither party shall assume any responsibility for the tax consequences to any other party arising out of any exchange effected pursuant to this Section; (b) the requesting party shall reimburse the other

party for all additional costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) incurred by such other party in connection with any such exchange; and (c) the requesting party shall indemnify and hold the other party harmless from and against any and all loss, cost, damage, expense or other liability (including reasonable attorneys' fees) that such other party may incur or suffer in the performance of its obligations under this Section.

14.17 - Exclusivity; Encumbrance. From the Effective Date through the Closing or earlier termination of this Agreement, Seller will not discuss, negotiate or execute any contract for the sale of the Property to any third party other than Buyer (or its permitted assignee), and Seller shall not voluntarily encumber or otherwise transfer the Property or enter into an agreement to transfer the Property or any of Seller's interest therein without the prior written consent of Buyer (in Buyer's sole and absolute discretion).

14.18 - Post-Closing Obligations. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein (but without limiting Seller's obligations or liabilities hereunder), from and after the Closing and for the duration of the Survival Period, Seller shall maintain the resources and means necessary to satisfy all of its post-Closing obligations.

14.19 - Business Day. As used herein, a business day shall mean any day other than Saturday, Sunday or other day that commercial banks in the State of Ohio are authorized or required to close under applicable law. In the event that the expiration of any time period hereunder shall expire on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then such time period shall be extended until the close of business on the next following business day.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed on the respective dates specified below.

SELLER:

Big Lots Stores – PNS, LLC, a California limited liability company

By: _____

Jonathan Ramsden

Printed Name: Jonathan Ramsden

Its: EVP, CF&AO

Date: February 3, 2023

BUYER:

6351 WESTMINSTER BLVD, LLC, a Wyoming Limited Liability Company

By: _____

Andrew Fielder

Printed Name: Andrew Fielder

Title: Manager

Date: February 02, 2023

By: _____

David Lipp

Printed Name: David Lipp

Title: Manager

Date: February 02, 2023

ESCROW CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The undersigned agrees to act as Title Company and Escrow Agent for the transaction described in the above Agreement as provided herein. Receipt of the Earnest Deposit is hereby acknowledged. The undersigned agrees to hold and deliver the Earnest Deposit in accordance with the terms of this Agreement

Chicago Title Insurance Company

Escrow No. _____

By: _____ (Print Name)
Authorized Representative

Date: _____

Exhibit A

Big Lots Store # 4107 – Westminster, CA

6351 Westminster Blvd.

Westminster, CA 92683

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

BIG LOTS, INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-11967 (JKS)

(Jointly Administered)

Hearing Date:

December 19, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. (ET)

Objection Deadline:

December 12, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

MOTION OF DEBTORS FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING (A) THE DEBTORS' ASSUMPTION OF AND PERFORMANCE UNDER THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND (B) THE SALE OF THE WESTMINSTER ASSETS FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS, CLAIMS, ENCUMBRANCES AND OTHER INTERESTS, (II) APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AND (III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Big Lots, Inc. and certain of its affiliates (collectively, the “**Debtors**” or “**Big Lots**”), each of which is a debtor and debtor in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”), hereby file this *Motion of Debtors for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing and Approving the Sale of the Westminster Assets Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, Encumbrances and Other Interests, (II) Approving the Settlement and (III) Granting Related Relief* (this “**Motion**”). In further support of this Motion, the Debtors respectfully state as follows:

¹ The debtors and debtors in possession in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their respective employer identification numbers, are as follows: Great Basin, LLC (6158); Big Lots, Inc. (9097); Big Lots Management, LLC (7948); Consolidated Property Holdings, LLC (0984); Broyhill LLC (7868); Big Lots Stores - PNS, LLC (5262); Big Lots Stores, LLC (6811); BLBO Tenant, LLC (0552); Big Lots Stores - CSR, LLC (6182); CSC Distribution LLC (8785); Closeout Distribution, LLC (0309); Durant DC, LLC (2033); AVDC, LLC (3400); GAFDC LLC (8673); PAFDC LLC (2377); WAFDC, LLC (6163); INFDC, LLC (2820); Big Lots eCommerce LLC (9612); and Big Lots F&S, LLC (3277). The address of the debtors' corporate headquarters is 4900 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43081.

RELIEF REQUESTED

1. The Debtors seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “**Order**”), (a) authorizing and approving the private sale (the “**Sale**”) of the land, easements, appurtenances and improvements located at 6351 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683, together with all improvements located thereon (the “**Real Property**”) as well as certain appurtenant easements, rights, permits, entitlements, privileges and other intangible property relating to the Real Property (the “**Intangibles**,” and together with the Real Property, the “**Property**”), as described in and subject to the terms and conditions of that certain Purchase Agreement, the form of which is attached to this Motion as its **Exhibit B** (the “**Purchase Agreement**”) between Big Lots Stores – PNS, LLC, a California limited liability company (“**Seller**”), which is one of the Debtors, and 6351 Westminster Blvd, LLC, a Wyoming limited liability company (“**Buyer**”), free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances, and other interests pursuant to section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code (as defined herein), (b) settling the prepetition Litigation (as defined herein) concerning a prior agreement to sell the Property by and between the Seller and the Buyer and granting mutual releases related thereto, and (c) granting related relief.

2. In support of this Motion, the Debtors submit the *Declaration of Chris Macke, Vice President, Legal – Real Estate of Big Lots, Inc. in Support of Motion of Debtors for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing and Approving the Sale of the Westminster Assets Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, Encumbrances and Other Interests, (II) Approving the Settlement and (III) Granting Related Relief* (the “**Macke Declaration**”), filed contemporaneously herewith.

INTRODUCTION

3. By this Motion, the Debtors seek authorization for the Sale of the Property and approval of the Settlement (as defined below) of the Litigation outside the ordinary course of the Debtors’ business. The Property to be sold by this private sale is non-core and, as described in

more detail below, not included in the ongoing sale process for substantially all the business assets of the Debtors. This Sale and Settlement will generate approximately \$6.1 million (the “**Purchase Price**”) for the estates. For the reasons further discussed below, the Debtors believe that the relief sought in the Motion is a reasonable exercise of the Debtors’ business judgment, is in the best interests of the estates, and should be granted.

JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND AUTHORITY

4. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “**Court**”) has jurisdiction over this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012. This matter is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue of the Chapter 11 Cases and related proceedings is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

5. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a), 363, and 365 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”), rules 2002, 6004, 6006 and 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “**Bankruptcy Rules**”), and Local Rule 6004-1.

Background

6. Big Lots is a one-stop shop home discount retailer. Big Lots’ mission is to help customers “Live Big and Save Lots” by offering bargains on everything for their homes, including furniture, décor, pantry essentials, kitchenware, groceries, and pet supplies. Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Big Lots operates more than 1,300 stores across 48 states in the United States, as well as an ecommerce store with expanded fulfillment and delivery capabilities.

7. On September 9, 2024 (the “**Petition Date**”), the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in this Court. The Debtors continue to manage

their assets as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. On September 23, 2024, the Office of the United States Trustee appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “**Committee**”) pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1102(a)(1). No trustee or examiner has been appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases.

8. Additional detail regarding the Debtors, their business, the events leading to the filing of this chapter 11 case, and the facts and circumstances supporting the relief requested herein is set forth in the *Declaration of Jonathan Ramsden as Chief Financial and Administrative Officer of the Debtors in Support of the Debtors’ Chapter 11 Proceedings and First Day Pleadings* (D.I. 77) (the “**Ramsden Declaration**”) and incorporated herein by reference.

The Initial Sale and Litigation

9. On February 2, 2023, Seller and Buyer entered into a purchase agreement governing the sale of the Property (the “**Initial Sale**”). A dispute between the Buyer and Seller relating to the condition of the Property at the time of the Initial Sale resulted in Seller filing an action in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, commencing Case No. SACV 24-757-MWF (JDEx) (the “**Litigation**”).

10. On or about August 9, 2024, Judgment was entered in the Litigation in favor of Seller. On September 4, 2024, Buyer filed a Notice of Appeal of the Judgment with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which commenced Appeal Docket No. 24-5432 (the “**Appeal**”).

11. Seller and Buyer mutually acknowledge and agree that the Initial Sale is of no further force or effect. Seller and Buyer now wish to consummate the Sale, and, in so doing, settle and release all disputes, claims, demands and causes of action against one another relating to the Litigation, including all causes of action brought or that could have been brought arising from the allegations raised in the Litigation, as set forth in greater detail in Section 6 of the Purchase Agreement (the “**Settlement**”).

The Sale

12. The Debtors believe that a private sale of the Designated Assets to Buyer as part of the Settlement and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement is both appropriate and in the best interest of the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors.

13. The proposed Sale and Settlement, if approved, will provide the Debtors with an injection of approximately \$6.1 million in incremental liquidity. The Purchase Agreement also constitutes the settlement of claims that are the subject of the pending Litigation to which the Debtors and Buyer (and their respective affiliates) are party and would release all claims arising therefrom. Accordingly, to avoid incurring unnecessary expenses of a longer marketing process that is not likely to generate a higher and better offer for the Property and would otherwise force the Debtors to continue to pay ongoing rent and other operating costs and leave the Litigation unresolved, the Debtors believe this private sale process is appropriate under the circumstances.

14. Importantly, the Debtors, in consultation with their advisors, believe that the cost and delay of running an auction process for the Assets would outweigh any marginal increase to the Sale proceeds, particularly in light of the benefits to the Debtors, their estates, and all stakeholders if the Sale, along with the Settlement, is approved. The Debtors and their advisors believe that an appropriate marketing process for the sale of the Property has already been conducted in connection with the Initial Sale, and proceeding to closing is in the best interests of the Debtors and all parties in interest. Ultimately, approval of the Sale and Settlement will provide the most efficient path to divesting the Property for fair consideration.

Relief Requested

15. By this Motion, the Debtors seek an order (a) authorizing the Sale of the Property free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances, and other interests (b) approving the Settlement of the Litigation (including the mutual releases), and (c) granting related relief.

Summary of Key Sale Terms

16. The following is a summary of the material terms of the Purchase Agreement:²

Provision	Summary Description
Parties	<p><u>Seller:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Lots Stores – PNS, LLC (“Seller”) <p><u>Buyer:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6351 Westminster Blvd, LLC (“Buyer”)
Description	Purchase of certain real property located at the address commonly known as 6351 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683.
Assets	Real property located at the address commonly known as 6351 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683, together with all improvements located thereon (the “ Real Property ”). Seller is also the owner or holder of certain appurtenant easements, rights, permits, entitlements, privileges and other intangible property relating to the Real Property (the “ Intangibles ”; the Real Property and Intangibles are all sometimes referred to collectively as the “ Property ”).
Proposed Purchase Price	The aggregate consideration to be paid by Buyer for the purchase of the Property shall be cash consideration of \$6.1 million at closing (collectively, the “ Purchase Price ”).
Private Sale	The Property will be sold via private sale. There will not be an auction.
Sale Free and Clear	Pursuant to section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the transfer of the Property shall be free and clear of liens and all interests, liabilities, obligations, or claims (including all “claims” within the meaning of section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code).
Litigation Settlement	Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, it is a condition of the Sale to settle and release each and every claim, demand, and cause of action, matter or thing specified relating to the Litigation, including all causes of action brought or that could have been brought arising from the allegations raised in the Litigation.

² This summary is provided for the convenience of the Court and parties in interest and describes, generally, the terms contained in the Purchase Agreement. To the extent there is any conflict between this summary and the Purchase Agreement, the Purchase Agreement shall govern in all respects.

Basis for Relief

I. The Debtors' Entry Into the Purchase Agreement Should Be Approved as an Exercise of Sound Business Judgment.

17. Section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that “[t]he [debtor-in-possession], after notice and a hearing, may use, sell or lease, other than in the ordinary course of business, property of the estate.” 11 U.S.C. § 363(b)(1). In determining whether to authorize the use, sale, or lease of property of the estates under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, “courts require the debtor to show that a sound business purpose justifies such actions.” *The Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd. V. Montgomery Ward Holding Corp. (In re Montgomery Ward Holding Corp.)*, 242 B.R. 147, 153 (Bankr. D. Del. 1999); *see, e.g., In re ICL Holding Co., Inc.*, 802 F.3d 547, 551 (3d Cir. 2015); *In re Lionel Corp.*, 722 F.2d 1063, 1070–71 (2d Cir. 1983). The “sound business purpose” test requires a debtor to establish that: “(1) a sound business purpose [for the sale] exists; (2) the [total consideration] is fair; (3) the debtor has provided adequate and reasonable notice; and (4) the purchaser has acted in good faith.” *In re Decora Indus., Inc.*, No. 00-4459 (JJF), 2002 WL 32332749, at *2 (D. Del. May 20, 2002) (citing *In re Del. & Hudson Ry. Co.*, 124 B.R. 169, 176 (D. Del. 1991)). The Debtors submit that the Sale satisfies each of these elements.

18. Once a debtor articulates a valid business justification, then the burden of rebutting the “strong presumption . . . that the agreement at issue was negotiated in good faith and in the best interests of the estate” falls to parties opposing the transaction. *In re Filene's Basement*, No. 11-13511 (KJC), 2014 WL 1713416; *see also In re Integrated Res., Inc.*, 147 B.R. 650, 656 (S.D.N.Y. 1992), *appeal dismissed*, 3 F.3d 49 (2d Cir. 1993). Thus, if a debtor satisfies the business judgment rule, the transaction in question should be approved under section 363(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.

19. Here, the Debtors' entry into the Purchase Agreement is a sound exercise of their business judgment because selling the Property by private sale and settling the Litigation is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates. After engaging in good-faith, arm's-length negotiations for several months, the Parties agreed on the purchase price for the Property, which totals approximately \$6.1 million in cash consideration. Forcing the Debtors to abandon or restart the sales and marketing process when the Sale is agreed would be value destructive and jeopardize the Debtors' ability to achieve the Settlement. Further, the terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement are favorable to the Debtors and comport with the long-term strategic initiatives of the Debtors, allowing the Debtors to divest an unneeded asset in favor of shoring up immediate liquidity needs. Unwinding the progress made towards consummation of the Sale would require expending significant assets of the Debtors' estates and would be detrimental to the Debtors, their creditors, estates, and other parties-in-interest. For these reasons, the Debtors' entry into the Purchase Agreement is a sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment and should be approved.

II. The Private Sale of the Property Is Appropriate Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 6004(f) and Should Be Approved.

20. Bankruptcy Rule 6004(f)(1) authorizes a debtor to sell estate property outside of the ordinary course of its business by private sale or public auction. *See* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6004(f)(1). Courts generally afford debtors in possession broad discretion in determining the manner in which estate property is sold. *See, e.g., In re Bakalis*, 220 B.R. 525, 531 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 1998). Private sales by a debtor outside of the ordinary course of business are appropriate where the debtor demonstrates that the sale is permissible pursuant to section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code. *See In re Stephens Indus., Inc.*, 789 F.2d 386, 390 (6th Cir. 1986) (holding a debtor may sell property via private sale "when a sound business purpose dictates such action");

In re Schipper, 933 F.2d 513 (7th Cir. 1991) (approving private real estate sale by debtor when purchase price was the same as independent appraisal); *Penn Mut. Life Ins. Co. v. Woodscape Ltd. P'ship* (*In re Woodscape Ltd. P'ship*), 134 B.R. 165, 174 (Bankr. D. Md. 1991) (noting that, with respect to sales of estate property, “[t]here is no prohibition against a private sale . . . and there is no requirement that the sale be by public auction.”); *In re Blue Coal Corp.*, 67 B.R. 798 (Bankr. M.D. Penn. 1986) (permitting the private sale of certain of the debtor’s assets); *In re Paper Corp. of Am.*, 138 F.Supp. 29 (S.D.N.Y. 1956) (holding that the trustee’s inability to sell the property after “many months . . . was sufficient to warrant the private sale.”); *see also In re Blue Coal Corp.*, 168 B.R. 553, 564 (M.D. Penn. 1994) (“[A] larger measure of discretion is available to the court in considering whether a private bid should be approved or confirmed.”). Courts in this and other jurisdictions regularly authorize private sales pursuant to section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code. *See, e.g., In re Sunpower Corporation*, No. 24-11649 (CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. Aug. 29, 2024) (authorizing a private sale of certain of the debtors’ assets without bidding procedures or an auction); *In re MVK FarmCo LLC*, No. 23-11721 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 11, 2024) (same); *In re Armstrong Flooring, Inc.*, No. 22-10426 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 27, 2023) (same); *In re Indep. Pet Partners Holdings, LLC*, No. 23-10153 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 24, 2023); *In re Boy Scouts of Am.*, No. 20-10343 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 22, 2022) (same).

21. The Debtors believe that a public auction for the Property would require the Debtors’ estates to incur substantial additional costs and create undue delay in realizing a recovery on the Property. It would also make Settlement of the Litigation difficult if not impossible. The Debtors do not believe an auction would result in incremental value sufficient to justify the incurrence of such costs and delay, particularly in light of the Debtors’ liquidity constraints.

III. The Sale of the Property Free and Clear of Liens and Other Interests Is Authorized by Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code.

22. Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes a debtor to sell assets free and clear of liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances if:

- (1) applicable non-bankruptcy law permits sale of such property free and clear of such interests;
- (2) such entity consents;
- (3) such interest is a lien and the price at which such property is to be sold is greater than the aggregate value of all liens on such property;
- (4) such interest is in bona fide dispute; or
- (5) such entity could be compelled, in a legal or equitable proceeding, to accept a money satisfaction of such interest.

11 U.S.C. § 363(f). Because these requirements are listed in the disjunctive, the Debtors only need to satisfy one of the five requirements to permit the Property to be sold “free and clear” of liens and interests. *See In re Kellstrom Indus., Inc.*, 282 B.R. 787, 793 (Bankr. D. Del. 2002). The Debtors submit that each lien or interest in the Property satisfies at least one of the five conditions of section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, and that any such lien or interest will be adequately protected by either being paid in full at the time of closing or by attaching to the net proceeds of the Sale, subject to any claims and defenses the Debtors may possess with respect thereto.

23. Further, to the extent any prepetition secured lenders have a prepetition security interest in and liens upon the Property, those creditors can be compelled to accept a monetary satisfaction of their interests or are adequately protected by having their claims that constitute interests in the Property, if any, attach to the proceeds of the Sale with the same priority that existed immediately prior to the closing.

24. Thus, section 363(f)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code is satisfied and any existing interests in the Property will be adequately protected through attachment to the proceeds of the Sale. *See In re Katy Indus.*, No. 17-11101 (KJC), 2017 WL 5434578, at *5 (Bankr. D. Del. 2017) (finding that holders of liens against property sold free and clear of all liens are “adequately protected by having their Encumbrances, if any, attach to the cash proceeds of the Sale attributable to the Purchased Assets in which such holder alleges an Encumbrance”); *see also MacArthur Co. v. Johns-Manville Corp.*, 837 F.2d 89, 94 (2d Cir. 1988) (“It has long been recognized that when a debtor’s assets are disposed of free and clear of third-party interests, the third party is adequately protected if his interest is assertable against the proceeds of the disposition.”). Accordingly, the Debtors request that the Property be transferred to the applicable party free and clear of liens, claims, and encumbrances, with any such liens, claims, and encumbrances attaching to the net sale proceeds realized from the applicable private sale.

IV. Buyer is a Good-Faith Purchaser and is Entitled to the Full Protection of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.

25. Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that “[t]he reversal or modification on appeal of an authorization under subsection (b) or (c) of this section of a sale or lease of property does not affect the validity of a sale or lease under such authorization to an entity that purchased or leased such property in good faith[.]” 11 U.S.C. § 363(m). Although good faith is not specifically defined in the Bankruptcy Code, one court has stated that the “[g]ood faith of a purchaser is shown by the integrity of his conduct during the course of the sale proceedings A purchaser’s good faith is lost by fraud, collusion between the purchaser and other bidders or the trustee, or an attempt to take grossly unfair advantage of other bidders.” *In re Gucci*, 126 F.3d 380, 390 (2d Cir. 1997) (internal quotations omitted). Within the Third Circuit, a good faith purchaser is one who purchases assets for value and in good faith. “The requirement that a

purchaser act in good faith . . . speaks to the integrity of his conduct in the course of the sale proceedings. Typically, the misconduct that would destroy a purchaser’s good faith status at a judicial sale involves fraud, collusion between the purchaser and other bidders or the trustee, or an attempt to take grossly unfair advantage of other bidders.” *In re Abbotts Dairies of Pa.*, 788 F.2d 143, 147 (3d Cir. 1986).

26. The Purchase Agreement and the Sale contemplated therein are the product of good-faith, arm’s-length negotiations. There is no indication of fraud or any improper insider dealing. Further, the consideration to be received by the Debtors for the Property is fair and reasonable, and the Debtors are not aware of any other actionable competing offers. The Debtors submit that Buyer is a “good faith purchaser” within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code and that the Purchase Agreement is a good faith agreement on arms’-length terms entitled to the protections of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. The consideration to be received by the Debtors pursuant to the Purchase Agreement is substantial, fair, and reasonable under the circumstances. Furthermore, Buyer and the Debtors are wholly unrelated, sharing no officers, directors, shareholders, incorporators, employees, or economic interests—other than as embodied in these transactions—in common, and Buyer is not an “insider” as that term is defined in the Bankruptcy Code. 11 U.S.C. § 101(31). Accordingly, the Debtors request that the Court enter an order entitling each of the parties to the Sale to the full protections of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.

V. Relief Under Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d) is Appropriate.

27. Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) provides that an “order authorizing the use, sale, or lease of property . . . is stayed until the expiration of fourteen days after the entry of the order, unless the court orders otherwise.” Additionally, Bankruptcy Rule 6006(d) provides that an “order authorizing the trustee to assign an executory contract or unexpired lease . . . is stayed until the

expiration of fourteen days after the entry of the order, unless the court orders otherwise.” The Debtors request that the Order be effective immediately upon its entry by providing that the fourteen day stays under Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d) are waived.

28. The purpose of Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d) is to provide sufficient time for an objecting party to appeal before an order can be implemented. *In re Filene’s Basement*, 2014 WL 1713416, at *14; see Advisory Committee Notes to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6004(h) and 6006(d). Although Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d) and the Advisory Committee Notes are silent as to when a court should “order otherwise” and eliminate or reduce the fourteen-day stay period, the leading treatise on bankruptcy suggests that the fourteen-day stay should be eliminated to allow a sale or other transaction to close immediately “where there has been no objection to procedure.” 10 *Collier on Bankruptcy* ¶ 6004.11, ¶ 6004.04 (16th rev. ed. 2014). Furthermore, if an objection is filed and overruled, and the objecting party informs the court of its intent to appeal, the stay may be reduced to the amount of time actually necessary to file such appeal. *Id.*; see *In re Filene’s Basement*, 2014 WL 1713416, at *14 (reducing the stay to seven days from the date of entry of the sale order).

29. To maximize the value received for the Property and reduce the accrual of administrative expenses relating to such assets, the Debtors seek to close the Sale as soon as possible after the Sale Hearing. Accordingly, the Debtors hereby request that the Court waive the fourteen-day stay period under Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d).

VI. The Settlement Should be Approved Under Bankruptcy Rule 9019 Because of the Additional Benefits to the Debtors that are Integral to the Sale.

30. Bankruptcy Rule 9019(a) provides that “[o]n motion by the trustee and after notice and a hearing, the court may approve a compromise or settlement.” Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9019(a). The overarching consideration in ruling on a settlement is whether the settlement is “fair and

equitable” and “in the best interest of the estate.” *Protective Comm. for Independent Stockholders of TMT Trailer Ferry, Inc. v. Anderson*, 390 U.S. 414, 424 (1968). “Settlement agreements are generally favored and, in fact encouraged, in bankruptcy cases, as they provide for often needed and efficient resolutions.” *In re TSIC, Inc.*, 393 B.R. 71, 78 (Bankr. D. Del. 2008); *In re World Health Alts., Inc.*, 344 B.R. 291, 296 (Bankr. D. Del. 2006) (citing *Meyers v. Martin (In re Martin)*, 91 F.3d 389, 393 (3d Cir. 1996)).

31. The decision whether to approve or reject a settlement under Bankruptcy Rule 9019 lies within the sound discretion of the court. *In re Louise’s, Inc.*, 211 B.R. 798, 801 (D. Del. 1997); *In re Neshaminy Office Bldg. Assoc.*, 62 B.R. 798, 803 (E.D. Pa. 1986). To make this determination, a court must assess and balance the value of the claims that are being compromised against the value to the estate of the acceptance of the compromise proposal. *See Martin*, 91 F.3d at 393.

32. Approval is appropriate where the compromise is fair, reasonable, and in the interest of the estate. *Id.* Courts should not substitute their judgment for that of the debtor, but instead canvas the issues to see whether the settlement falls below the lowest point in the range of reasonableness. *See In re World Health Alts., Inc.*, 344 B.R. at 296 (“The court does not have to be convinced that the settlement is the best possible compromise. Rather, the court must conclude that the settlement is within the reasonable range of litigation possibilities”) (internal citations and quotations omitted); *see also In re Coram Healthcare Corp.*, 315 B.R. 321, 330 (Bankr. D. Del. 2004); *In re Neshaminy Office Bldg. Assoc.*, 62 B.R. at 803.

33. Bankruptcy Courts in the Third Circuit apply the four *Martin* factors when determining whether to approve or reject settlement agreements: “(1) the probability of success in litigation; (2) the likely difficulties in collection; (3) the complexity of the litigation involved, and

the expense, inconvenience and delay necessarily attending it; and (4) the paramount interest of the creditors.” *Martin*, 91 F.3d at 393; *see also Will v. Nw. Univ.*, 434 F.3d 639, 644 (3d Cir. 2006) (applying the *Martin* factors when analyzing a settlement of a claim against the debtor as well as a claim belonging to the debtor); *see also TMT Trailer Ferry, Inc.*, 390 U.S. at 424; *In re Marvel Entm’t Grp., Inc.*, 222 B.R. 243, 250 (D. Del. 1998) (proposed settlement held in best interest of the estate); *In re Mavrode*, 205 B.R. 716, 721 (Bankr. D.N.J. 1997) (referring to *Martin* factors as test under “fair and equitable standard”).

34. Application of these criteria does not require a mini-trial or an evidentiary hearing to determine the probable outcome of claims waived in settlement. *See Official Comm. of Unsecured Creditors v. Cajun Elec. Power Co-op., Inc.*, 119 F.3d 349, 356 (5th Cir. 1997); *see also Depoister v. Mary M. Holloway Found.*, 36 F.3d 582, 586 (7th Cir. 1994). Instead, a court must gather relevant facts and law to make an informed and objective decision with respect to approving the settlement by balancing the *Martin* factors. *Id.* Courts generally give deference to a debtors’ business judgement in evaluating settlements. *See In re Key3Media Grp., Inc.*, 336 B.R. 87, 93 (Bankr. D. Del. 2005).

35. The Purchase Agreement with Buyer has both sale and settlement features, with the settlement terms providing additional consideration to the Debtors for the assets to be transferred. The Debtors respectfully submit that the *Martin* factors weigh strongly in favor of approving the Settlement because the Settlement represents a fair and reasonable compromise that is in the best interests of the Debtors’ estates and creditors. By settling the Litigation, the Debtors will avoid incurring additional legal fees, the risk of reversal on appeal, and the possible award of damages to Buyer. Accordingly, the Debtors have determined in their business judgment that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interest of their estates.

Notice

36. The Debtors will provide notice of this Motion to the following parties or their respective counsel: (a) the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware; (b) counsel to the Committee; (c) Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP, as counsel to the ABL Agent; (d) Otterbourg P.C., as counsel to the Term Agent; (e) all parties who have expressed a written interest in some or all of the Property, if any; (f) all parties who are known or reasonably believed, after reasonable inquiry, to have asserted any lien, encumbrance, claim, or other interest in the Property; and (g) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 (the “**Notice Parties**”). The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors request entry of the Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, (a) granting the relief requested herein and (b) granting such other relief as the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

Dated: November 27, 2024
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Exhibit B

Purchase Agreement

PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS PURCHASE AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made by and among Big Lots Stores – PNS, LLC, a California limited liability company, successor-by-conversion from PNS Stores, Inc. (the “Seller”), and 6351 Westminster Blvd, LLC, a Wyoming limited liability company (“Buyer”). The Effective Date of this Agreement shall be _____, 2024 (the “Effective Date”).

RECITALS

- A. Seller and Buyer previously entered into a Purchase Agreement dated February 2, 2023 (the “Former Contract”), for the sale of the Property (defined below), which Former Contract Seller and Landlord acknowledge and agree is terminated, void, and of no further force or effect, and the parties acknowledge and agree that the Original Earnest Deposit (defined below) shall be applied as provided in this Agreement.
- B. On April 7, 2024, Seller commenced a lawsuit against Buyer related to the Former Contract in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, commencing Case No. SACV 24-757-MWF (JDEx) (the “Litigation”). On or about August 9, 2024, Judgment was entered in the Litigation in favor of Seller. On September 4, 2024, Buyer filed a Notice of Appeal of the Judgment with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which commenced Appeal Docket No. 24-5432 (the “Appeal”).
- C. On September 9, 2024, Seller and various related entities filed voluntary chapter 11 bankruptcy petitions in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Bankruptcy Court”), commencing Bankruptcy Case No. 24-11970, which is being jointly administered with the other entities under Lead Case No. 24-11967 (JKS) (collectively, the “Bankruptcy Case”).
- D. Seller and Buyer acknowledge and agree that the Real Property (defined below) has previously been vandalized, but, nevertheless, Buyer remains interested in purchasing the Property from Seller.
- E. Seller and Buyer acknowledge and agree that the Escrow Agent (defined below) is in possession of the Original Earnest Deposit, and hereby instruct the Escrow Agent to continue to hold and apply the Original Earnest Deposit as provided in this Agreement.

SECTION 1 - THE PROPERTY.

1.1 - Agreement. Seller is the owner of the real property located at the address commonly known as 6351 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683, as more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, together with all improvements located thereon (the “Real Property”). Seller is also the owner or holder of certain appurtenant easements, rights, permits, entitlements, privileges and other intangible property relating to the Real Property (the “Intangibles”; the Real Property and Intangibles are all sometimes referred to collectively as the “Property”). On the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Buyer desires to purchase from Seller, and Seller desires to sell to Buyer, the Property.

SECTION 2 - PURCHASE PRICE. Buyer agrees to pay Seller, as the purchase price for the Property, the sum of Six Million One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$6,100,000.00) (the "Purchase Price"). The Purchase Price shall be paid as follows:

- (a) Seller and Buyer acknowledge and agree that the Escrow Agent (as hereinafter defined) currently holds in escrow the amount of Two Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (the "Original Earnest Deposit") that Buyer deposited with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Former Contract. Buyer acknowledges and agrees that, except as expressly provided in Section 7.3 and Section 10.1 of this Agreement, the Original Earnest Deposit is not refundable to Buyer. Within three (3) business days following the Effective Date of this Agreement, Buyer shall deposit the additional sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$250,000) with the Escrow Agent in escrow as an earnest money deposit (the "2024 Earnest Deposit"; together the Original Earnest Deposit and the 2024 Earnest Deposit, the "Earnest Deposit"). Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, the 2024 Earnest Deposit shall be nonrefundable to Buyer, but the Earnest Deposit shall be applicable to the Purchase Price at Closing (as hereinafter defined).
- (b) Buyer shall deliver to the Escrow Agent (as hereinafter defined) the Purchase Price, less the Earnest Deposit and the credits authorized to Buyer, in immediately available funds, on or prior to the Closing Date (as hereinafter defined).
- (c) Concurrently with depositing the 2024 Earnest Deposit with Escrow Holder, Buyer shall deposit, for immediate release to Seller, the sum of \$100.00 (the "Independent Consideration") as consideration for Buyer's right to purchase the Property and for Seller's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement. The Independent Consideration (i) is in addition to and independent of any other consideration or payment provided for in this Agreement, (ii) is non-refundable and (iii) shall be retained by Seller notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement.

SECTION 3 - ESCROW AND TITLE INSURANCE.

3.1 - Escrow Agent. The parties hereto designate Chicago Title Insurance Company - National Commercial Services, 12500 Reed Hartman Highway, Suite 120, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241, Attn: Jordan Cohen, Jordan.Cohen@ctt.com ("Title Company") and as the escrow agent ("Escrow Agent") in connection with this transaction. This Agreement shall serve as escrow instructions and shall be subject to the usual conditions of acceptance of Escrow Agent, insofar as the same are not inconsistent with any of the terms hereof. By execution of this Agreement, Title Company agrees that the Earnest Deposit shall be held as a deposit under this Agreement in an interest-bearing account and: (a) applied against the Purchase Price if Closing occurs; or (b) delivered to Seller or Buyer, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, if Closing does not occur. Interest on the Earnest Deposit shall be paid to the party entitled to receive the Earnest Deposit (or portion thereof) pursuant to this Agreement.

3.2 - No Due Diligence or Inspection Period. Buyer acknowledges and agrees that there is no diligence period or inspection period under this Agreement. Buyers also acknowledges and agrees that there is no financing contingency or condition under this Agreement.

- (a) Buyer shall have the right to, at its sole cost and expense, obtain an ALTA Extended Coverage Owner's Policy of Title Insurance with respect to the Real Property ("ALTA Owner's Policy") in the amount of the Purchase Price from the Title Company, subject only to the Permitted Exceptions defined below, provided that Buyer acknowledges and agrees that Buyer's ability to obtain an ALTA Owner's Policy is not a condition or contingency under this Agreement. Buyer acknowledges receipt of that certain Amended Preliminary Report #4, amended September 3, 2024 (the "Update Date"), Order No.: 00184037-987-OC1-JS9 (the "Original Commitment"), which was initially issued by the Title Company in connection with the Former Contract, to issue an ALTA Owner's Policies of Title Insurance for the Real Property in an amount equal to the Purchase Price (the "Title Policy").
- (b) Subject to Seller's obligations under Section 3.3 below, (i) all conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, leaseholds, rights-of-way of record; (ii) all real estate taxes and assessments not yet due and payable; (iii) any portion of the Property situated within the confines of a publicly dedicated right-of-way or legal highway; (iv) all zoning ordinances and regulations; (v) all matters that would be disclosed by an accurate survey of the Real Property; and (iv) all matters identified in the Original Commitment are collectively referred to herein as the "Permitted Exceptions".

3.3 - Release of Mortgages. Except for real estate taxes and assessments not yet due and payable as of the Closing and the Permitted Exceptions, it shall be a condition to Buyer's obligation to close that all mortgages, monetary liens and other encumbrances of ascertainable amounts incurred by, for, or on behalf of Seller shall be paid by Seller at or prior to Closing and removed from record by Title Company.

SECTION 4 - CONVEYANCE. On the Closing Date, Seller shall convey title to the Real Property by grant deed (the "Deed"), in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the parties hereto, based on consultations with their respective local counsel, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the Permitted Exceptions.

SECTION 5 - PRORATIONS AND CLOSING COSTS.

5.1 - Property Operating Expenses. Operating Expenses (as hereinafter defined) for the Property shall be prorated as of 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time on the Closing Date. Seller shall pay all utility charges and other operating expenses, if any and excluding Taxes (collectively, the "Operating Expenses"), attributable to the Real Property incurred prior to, but not including, the Closing Date and Buyer shall pay all utility charges and other operating expenses attributable to the Real Property incurred on or after the Closing Date. If Seller is responsible for any public utility expenses with respect to the Real Property, meters for all public utilities (including water) being used on the Real Property shall be ordered read by Seller on the day of giving possession to Buyer and all charges to said date shall be paid by Seller. To the extent that the amount of actual consumption of any utility services is not determined prior to the Closing Date, a proration shall be made at Closing based on the last available reading and post-closing adjustments between Buyer and Seller shall be made within twenty (20) days of the date that actual consumption for such pre-

Closing period is determined, which obligation shall survive the Closing and shall not be merged therein. Seller shall not assign to Buyer any deposits which Seller has with any of the utility services or companies servicing the Real Property. Buyer shall arrange with such services and companies to have accounts opened in Buyer's name beginning at 12:01 a.m., Eastern Time, on the Closing Date.

5.2 - Real Estate Taxes and Assessments. All real estate taxes and assessments, both general and special, with respect to the Real Property (collectively, "Taxes") for the current fiscal year of the applicable taxing authority in which the Closing Date occurs shall be prorated on a per diem basis as of 11:59 p.m. on the day prior to the Closing Date. Seller shall pay Taxes attributable to the Property to, but not including, the Closing Date and Buyer shall pay all Taxes attributable to the Property on or after the Closing Date. If the Closing occurs prior to the receipt by Seller of the bill for Taxes for the calendar year in which the Closing occurs, Taxes shall be prorated on the basis of the last officially certified and available tax duplicate. Seller shall be responsible for Taxes payable in respect to periods prior to the Closing and shall be entitled to any rebates and refunds for such periods. Buyer shall be responsible for Taxes on the Real Property payable in respect to all periods after the Closing and shall be entitled to any rebates and refunds for such periods. Such proration of Taxes will be final.

5.3 - Costs to be Paid by Seller. Seller shall pay or be charged with the following costs and expenses in connection with this transaction:

- (a) All state (and if applicable county and city) documentary transfer, sales, stamp and similar taxes and conveyance fees on the sale and transfer of the Property;
- (b) one-half (1/2) of the escrow fee charged by Escrow Agent;
- (c) the premium for the standard coverage portion of the Title Policy, if obtained by Buyer;
- (d) Seller's share of prorations; and
- (e) the fees and expenses of Seller's attorney(s).

5.4 - Costs to be Paid by Buyer. Buyer shall pay the following costs and expenses in connection with this transaction:

- (a) all state (and if applicable county and city) documentary transfer, sales, stamp and similar taxes and conveyance fees on the sale and transfer of the Property;
- (b) the escrow fee charged by Escrow Agent;
- (c) the cost of recording the Deed;
- (d) the cost of: the title examination, the Updated Commitment, and the premium for the Title Policy, if obtained by Buyer, including the cost of any endorsements thereto;

- (e) Buyer's share of prorations;
- (f) all costs incurred by Buyer in connection with its due diligence or other activities related to the Property, including, without limitation, the cost of any environmental report, property condition report or zoning report ordered by Buyer; and
- (g) the fees and expenses of Buyer's attorney(s).

SECTION 6 – SETTLEMENT AND COMPROMISE

6.1 - Release of Claims. The Parties desire to fully and completely settle all disputes, claims, demands and causes of action against one another relating to the Litigation and/or the Appeal, including all causes of action brought or that could have been brought arising from the allegations raised in the Litigation (the "Compromise").

6.2 - Buyer, on behalf of itself, and its administrators, insurance companies, predecessors, successors, assigns, agents, servants, employees, members, corporations, officers, directors, partnerships, partners, associates, attorneys, representatives, principals, joint ventures, parents, trustees, subsidiaries, shareholders, past and present, or anyone else claiming by and through them, do hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of and do hereby fully and forever release and discharge Seller, as well as its administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, agents, servants, employees, members, corporations, insurance companies, officers, directors, partnerships, partners, associates, attorneys, representatives, principals, joint ventures, parents, trustees, subsidiaries, shareholders, past and present, and each of them, from any and all claims, demands and causes of action of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, whether concealed or hidden, which Buyer now owns, holds or may hereafter have against Seller, by reason of any matter relating to the Litigation.

6.3 - Seller on behalf itself and its administrators, insurance companies, predecessors, successors, assigns, agents, servants, employees, members, corporations, officers, directors, partnerships, partners, associates, attorneys, representatives, principals, joint ventures, parents, trustees, subsidiaries, shareholders, past and present, or anyone else claiming by and through it, does hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of and does hereby fully and forever release and discharge Buyer, as well as its administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, agents, servants, employees, members, corporations, officers, directors, partnerships, partners, associates, attorneys, representatives, principals, joint ventures, parents, trustees, subsidiaries, shareholders, past and present, and each of them, from any and all claims, demands and causes of action of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, whether concealed or hidden, which Seller now owns, holds or may hereafter have against Buyer, by reason of any matter relating to the Litigation.

6.4 - It is a condition hereof, and it is the intention of the Parties in executing this Agreement and in giving the releases set forth herein, that the same shall be effective as a bar to each and every claim, demand, and cause of action, matter or thing specified; and in furtherance of this specific intention, the Parties hereby expressly waive any and all rights and benefits conferred upon them by the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

“A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.”

6.5 - The Parties represent and warrant that they have been advised to seek advice from independent legal counsel of their own choosing regarding this Agreement and its terms and language, and understand and acknowledge the significance and consequence of these releases, and the specific waiver of Section 1542, and the Parties, and each of them, expressly consent that this Agreement and the releases set forth herein shall be given full force and effect according to each and all of their express terms and provisions, including those relating to unknown and unsuspected claims, demands and causes of action, if any, as well as those relating to any other claims, demands and causes of action herein above specified.

6.6 - The Buyer shall dismiss the Appeal within ten (10) business days of the Closing.

SECTION 7 - POSSESSION AND CLOSING; CONTINGENCIES AND CONDITIONS.

7.1 - Closing. The transaction contemplated herein shall be closed at the office of Escrow Agent within five (5) business days after (i) the date on which the Bankruptcy Court has entered an order approving this Agreement and Seller's sale of the Property to Buyer free and clear of any claims, liens, restrictions, security interests or other encumbrances of any kind under 11 U.S.C. § 363(f) and (ii) such order has become final and nonappealable. The time and date of such closing is referred to herein as the “Closing Date” or the “Closing”.

7.2 - As soon as practicable after the Effective Date of this Agreement, Seller shall file with the Bankruptcy Court a motion seeking authority to approve the Compromise and the sale of the Property in accordance with the terms of this Agreement (the “Approval Motion”). Upon the Bankruptcy Court's entry of an order in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Seller granting the Approval Motion (the “Bankruptcy Court Approval”), Seller shall promptly provide Buyer and Title Company with notice thereof. Either party may terminate this Agreement by written notice to the other if: (i) the Bankruptcy Court denies the Approval Motion; or (ii) the Bankruptcy Court fails to issue the Bankruptcy Court Approval within thirty (30) days after the filing of the above referenced motion by Seller; provided, however, that if the Bankruptcy Court fails to issue the Bankruptcy Court Approval within such thirty (30) day period and Buyer and Seller are using good faith efforts to obtain the Bankruptcy Court Approval, the thirty (30) day period shall be extended for an additional thirty (30) days. In the event of such termination, Escrow Agent shall disburse the Earnest Deposit in accordance with the provisions herein to Buyer and the parties shall have no further rights, duties or obligations under this Agreement, other than those which are expressly provided in this Agreement to survive the termination of this Agreement.

7.3 - The obligations of Seller under this Agreement to sell the Property and consummate the transaction contemplated hereby shall be subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions on or before the Closing Date, except to the extent that Seller waives any of such conditions in writing at or prior to Closing:

- (a) Buyer shall have performed and complied in all material respects with all covenants and agreements required by this Agreement to be performed and complied with by Buyer on or before the Closing Date.
- (b) Seller shall have received each of the items to be delivered to it or for its benefit under this Agreement.
- (c) Between the Effective Date and the Closing Date, no written order shall have been entered and be in effect by any court of competent jurisdiction, and no law shall have been promulgated or enacted and be in effect, that restrains, enjoins or invalidates the transaction contemplated hereby.
- (d) No suit or other proceeding shall be pending against Seller by any Person before any court or authority seeking to restrain or prohibit or declare illegal the transaction contemplated by this Agreement, or seeking damages against Seller in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- (e) Seller shall have filed a notice of this Agreement and Approval Motion in the Bankruptcy Court and either (i) no objections to this Agreement or the Approval Motion shall have been filed in the Case during the twenty-one (21) calendar day period immediately following the filing of such notice or any other such objection period as set forth in the Bankruptcy Court Approval (the “Objection Period”) as evidenced by a copy of the docket in the Case or (ii) any objections filed within the Objection Period shall have been resolved and withdrawn, and in each of (i) or (ii), the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered an order granting the Approval Motion.

If any of the foregoing conditions are not fulfilled by the Closing, save and except those caused by the occurrence of Seller’s material default, then Seller shall have the right, exercisable by delivering written notice to Buyer, to terminate this Agreement, then the 2024 Earnest Deposit shall be promptly refunded to Buyer, including any interest earned thereon, and the Original Earnest Money shall be promptly refunded to Seller, including any interest earned thereon; provided, however, that in the event any failure of a condition constitutes a material default by Buyer under Section 11.2 below, then Seller shall be entitled to exercise the remedies set forth in Section 11.2.

7.4 - Buyer’s Conditions to Close. Escrow shall not close unless and until the following conditions precedent and contingencies have been satisfied or waived in writing by Buyer:

- (a) All instruments described in Section 7.4 shall have been timely delivered to Escrow Agent;
- (b) On the Closing, Seller shall not be in default in the performance of any material covenant or agreement to be performed by Seller under this Agreement;
- (c) On the Closing, all representations and warranties made by Seller in Section 10.1 hereof shall be true and correct in all material respects as if made on and as of the Closing; and,

- (d) The Bankruptcy Court shall have entered an order granting the Approval Motion in a form satisfactory to Buyer to ensure the sale is approved free and clear of all liens, claims and interests in accordance with Bankruptcy Code Section 363(f) and which includes a finding that Buyer is a good faith purchaser as provided in Bankruptcy Code Section 363(m) (“Approval Order”).

If any of the foregoing conditions are not fulfilled by the Closing, Buyer may elect to terminate this Agreement, in which event the Earnest Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer, including any interest earned thereon.

7.5 - Closing Deliveries.

- (a) Seller’s Closing Deliveries. Not later than 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the Closing Date, Seller shall deliver to Escrow Agent:
 - (i) the Deed;
 - (ii) signed counterparts of an Assignment of Intangible Property, if any;
 - (iii) a certificate and affidavit of non-foreign status;
 - (iv) a completed 1099-S request for taxpayer identification number and certification and acknowledgment for Seller;
 - (v) a title affidavit from Seller reasonably required by Escrow Agent to aid Buyer to obtain the Title Policies free of any general exception, excluding coverage for zoning and mechanic’s liens;
 - (vi) resolutions of Seller authorizing the sale of the applicable Property pursuant to this Agreement and the authority of the officer executing the closing documents on behalf of Seller;
 - (vii) a settlement statement with respect to the Closing;
 - (viii) exclusive possession of the Property to Buyer;
 - (ix) a certified copy of the Approval Order; and
 - (x) such other closing documents as may be reasonably necessary to consummate the transaction contemplated herein
- (b) Buyer’s Closing Deliveries. Not later than 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the Closing Date, Buyer shall deliver to Escrow Agent:
 - (i) a settlement statement with respect to the Closing;
 - (ii) such other closing documents as may be reasonably necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated herein; and

- (iii) the Purchase Price less the Earnest Deposit and any credits to which Buyer is expressly entitled hereunder.
- (c) Title Company and Escrow Agent Obligations. At Closing, Title Company or Escrow Agent (as the case may be) shall:
 - (i) pay to Seller the Purchase Price less any credits to which Buyer is entitled;
 - (ii) deliver the Deed to Buyer by filing the Deed for record in the public records for the jurisdiction in which the Real Property is located;
 - (iii) if obtained by buyer, issue the Title Policy or Title Policies; and
 - (iv) charge Seller and Buyer for the closing costs as set forth in Section 5 above.

7.6 - Covenants of Seller Pending Closing.

(a) From and after the Effective Date through the Closing Date, Seller shall not modify, cancel, extend or otherwise change in any manner, the terms, covenants or conditions of any insurance policy insuring the Real Property, nor enter into any contracts for services or otherwise that may be binding upon the Property or upon Buyer, nor shall any easements be created or any licenses given on the Property (in each case, other than in connection with the discharge of its fiduciary duties, including considering higher or better bids for the Property), without the express prior written consent of Buyer, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, subject to any requirements of the Bankruptcy Court or otherwise by virtue of Seller being a debtor in bankruptcy. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Buyer acknowledges and agrees that Seller has ceased all operations of the Big Lots Store formerly operated at the Real Property.

(b) From the Effective Date through and including the Closing Date, Seller will not, without the prior written consent of Buyer, convey any interest in any license or permit or entitlement affecting any of the Property (other than in connection with the discharge of its fiduciary duties, including considering higher or better bids for the Property), and Seller will not subject any Property to any additional liens, encumbrances, covenants, conditions, easements, rights of way or similar matters which will not be eliminated prior to the Close of Escrow.

SECTION 8 - CONDITION OF PROPERTY.

8.1 - "As-Is" Condition. BUYER HEREBY EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT BUYER WILL HAVE, AS OF THE CLOSING, THOROUGHLY INSPECTED AND EXAMINED THE STATUS OF TITLE TO THE PROPERTY AND THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY TO THE EXTENT DEEMED NECESSARY BY BUYER IN ORDER TO ENABLE BUYER TO EVALUATE THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY. BUYER HEREBY FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT BUYER IS RELYING SOLELY UPON THE INSPECTION, EXAMINATION, AND EVALUATION OF THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY BY BUYER AND THAT BUYER IS PURCHASING, AND AT CLOSING WILL ACCEPT, THE PROPERTY ON AN "AS IS," "WHERE IS" AND "WITH ALL FAULTS" BASIS, WITHOUT REPRESENTATIONS,

WARRANTIES AND/OR COVENANTS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, OF ANY KIND OR NATURE. BUYER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SELLER HAS MADE NO AGREEMENT TO ALTER, REPAIR OR IMPROVE THE PROPERTY. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, BUYER FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SELLER HAS NOT MADE AND WILL NOT MAKE, NOR SHALL SELLER BE DEEMED TO HAVE MADE, ANY WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO (I) THE FITNESS, DESIGN OR CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY FOR ANY PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE, (II) THE QUALITY OF THE MATERIAL OR WORKMANSHIP THEREIN, (III) THE EXISTENCE OF ANY DEFECT, LATENT OR PATENT, (IV) SELLER'S TITLE THERETO WHICH IS BEING CONVEYED AS IS, WITH ALL DEFECTS AND OBJECTIONS, (V) VALUE, (VI) COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS, (VII) LOCATION, (VIII) USE, (IX) CONDITION, (X) MERCHANTABILITY, (XI) QUALITY, (XII) DESCRIPTION, (XIII) DURABILITY, (XIV) OPERATION, OR (XV) THE EXISTENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE AND ALL RISKS INCIDENT THERETO WHICH ARE TO BE BORNE BY BUYER. BUYER FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN (OR WILL BE, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT) INSPECTED BY BUYER AND IS (OR WILL BE, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT) SATISFACTORY TO IT. IN THE EVENT OF ANY DEFECT OR DEFICIENCY IN ANY PORTION OF THE PROPERTY OF ANY NATURE, WHETHER LATENT OR PATENT, SELLER SHALL NOT HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY WITH RESPECT THERETO OR FOR ANY INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING STRICT LIABILITY IN TORT). THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION 8.1 HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATED WITH THE ADVICE OF COUNSEL AND ARE INTENDED TO BE A COMPLETE EXCLUSION AND NEGATION OF ANY WARRANTIES BY SELLER, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPERTY, ARISING PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE OR ANY OTHER LAW NOW OR HEREAFTER IN EFFECT OR ARISING OTHERWISE. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE CLOSING OR THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

Buyer acknowledges and agrees that it has not (and shall not) rely upon any statement and/or information from whomsoever made or given (including, but not limited to, any broker, attorney, agent, employee or other person representing or purporting to represent Seller) directly or indirectly, verbally or in writing, and Seller is not and shall not be liable or bound by any such statement and/or information.

Seller specifically disclaims any representation, warranty or guaranty with respect to the Property, express or implied, including, but not limited to, any representation or warranty as to the Property's compliance with zoning or other legal requirements or as to the availability or existence of any utility or other governmental or private services or as to the amount of taxes assessed to the Property.

8.2 - Release of Claims Under Environmental Laws. Buyer, on behalf of itself and all future owners and occupants of the Real Property, hereby waives and releases Seller from, including, but not limited to, any claims for recovery of costs associated with conduct of any voluntary action or any remedial responses, corrective action or closure under any applicable federal, state or local environmental laws ("Environmental Laws"), including, but not limited to,

the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq., as amended from time to time; and any similar federal, state and local laws and ordinances and the regulations and rules implementing such statutes, laws and ordinances. The foregoing waiver and release of Seller under this Section 8.2 shall be set forth in the Deed and shall be binding upon all future owners and occupants of the Real Property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the foregoing waiver and release under this Section 8.2 shall not modify, limit or otherwise affect Seller's representations and warranties set forth in Section 10.1 hereof or Seller's liability hereunder for any breach thereof; nor shall Seller be released from, and Buyer shall not waive its claims against Seller with respect to: (a) any breach of Seller's representations, warranties, covenants or other obligations under this Agreement or any documents executed pursuant to this Agreement, (b) any third-party personal injury which arises during Seller's period of ownership, or (c) Seller's fraud or willful misconduct.

SECTION 9 – CONFIDENTIALITY.

9.1 - Confidentiality. Buyer agrees that it shall treat all the information provided by seller concerning the Property (collectively, "Background Material") as confidential and proprietary to Seller. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary contained herein, Buyer shall not disclose, summarize or otherwise provide any or all of the Background Material to third parties except: (a) to the extent necessary in connection with its evaluation of the Property; (b) to the extent required by law; (c) to Buyer's mortgage lender(s) or investors, if any, involved in the transaction contemplated by this Agreement; or (d) with the express written consent of Seller. Prior to disclosing or providing access to any Background Material to any of Buyer's agents or representatives, Buyer shall (i) advise such parties of this Section and Buyer's obligations hereunder and (ii) require that such parties treat the Background Material in accordance herewith. If this Agreement terminates in accordance with the terms hereof, Buyer shall promptly return to Seller or destroy all Background Material it received and shall not retain any copies of the Background Material; provided, however, that Buyer has the ability to keep a copy of the Background Material for compliance purposes or for the purpose of defending or maintaining litigation or threatened litigation. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and except to the extent required by Law, neither Buyer nor Buyer's agents shall contact any governmental authority regarding Buyer's discovery of any Hazardous Substances (as hereinafter defined) on, or any environmental conditions at, a Real Property without Seller's prior written consent thereto. In addition, if Seller's consent is obtained by Buyer, Seller shall be entitled to receive at least five (5) business days prior written notice of the intended contact and to have a representative present when Buyer has any such contact with any governmental official or representative. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "Hazardous Substances" shall have the same definition as is set forth in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601 et seq. (the "Superfund Act"); provided, however, that the definition of the term "Hazardous Substances" shall also include (if not included within the definition contained in the Superfund Act) petroleum and related byproducts, hydrocarbons, radon, asbestos, urea formaldehyde and polychlorinated biphenyl compounds. Buyer agrees that Seller may seek injunctive relief to prevent or limit an unauthorized disclosure of the Background Material and may also pursue any other remedies available under law or equity as a result of a breach or anticipated breach of this Section. All of the obligations of Buyer under this Section 9.1 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 10 - REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.

10.1 - By Seller. Seller represents and warrants to Buyer that:

- (a) Big Lots Stores – PNS, LLC is a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of California.
- (b) Seller has the capacity and authority to execute this Agreement and perform the obligations of Seller under this Agreement, subject to Seller obtaining Bankruptcy Court Approval as described in Section 7.2 above. All actions necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by Seller have been taken and such action has not been rescinded or modified.
- (c) To the best knowledge of Seller, the execution and delivery of this Agreement and performance by Seller will not conflict with or result in a violation of, or breach of, or constitute a default under, any law or administrative regulation or any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any judgment, decree, loan agreement, bond, note, resolution, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust or other agreement or instrument to which it is a party and which affects the Property, subject to Seller obtaining Bankruptcy Court Approval as described in Section 7.2 above.
- (d) Seller is not a “foreign Person” within the meaning of Section 1445 of the Internal Revenue Code.

10.2 - By Buyer. Buyer represents and warrants to Seller as of the Effective Date that:

- (a) Buyer is duly created and validly existing pursuant to the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization and is duly qualified to do business in the jurisdiction in which the Real Property is situated if and to the extent that such qualification is required.
- (b) Buyer has the capacity and authority to execute this Agreement and perform the obligations of Buyer under this Agreement. All action necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by Buyer has been taken, and such action has not been rescinded or modified. Upon the execution of this Agreement, this Agreement will be legally binding upon Buyer and enforceable against Buyer in accordance with all of its provisions. The person signing this Agreement on behalf of Buyer has been duly authorized to sign and deliver this Agreement on behalf of Buyer.
- (c) Buyer is not subject to any judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction or governmental agency that would limit or restrict Buyer’s right to enter into and carry out this Agreement.
- (d) Neither the execution of this Agreement nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein by Buyer will constitute a breach under any contract or agreement to which Buyer is a party or by which Buyer is bound or affected.

- (e) No consent or approval of any third party (including, without limitation any governmental authority) is or was required in connection with Buyer's execution and delivery of this Agreement or its consummation of the transaction contemplated herein.
- (f) None of the funds to be used for payment by Buyer of the Purchase Price will be subject to 18 U.S.C. §§ 1956-1957 (Laundering of Money Instruments), 18 U.S.C. §§ 981-986 (Federal Asset Forfeiture), 18 U.S.C. §§ 881 (Drug Property Seizure), Executive Order Number 13224 on Terrorism Financing, effective September 24, 2001, or the United and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001, H.R. 3162, Public Law 107-56 (the "USA Patriot Act").
- (g) Buyer is not, and will not become, a person or entity with whom U.S. persons are restricted from doing business with under the regulations of the Office of Foreign Asset Control ("OFAC") of the Department of Treasury (including those named on OFAC's Specially Designated and Blocked Persons list) or under any statute, executive order (including the September 24, 2001 Executive Order Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism), the USA Patriot Act, or other governmental action.

Buyer shall fully disclose to Seller, immediately upon Buyer's becoming aware of its occurrence, any change in facts or circumstances of which Buyer becomes aware prior to the Closing Date that may affect the representations and warranties set forth above.

SECTION 11 - DEFAULT.

11.1 - Seller Default. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, if Closing does not occur by reason of a material default by Seller which continues for five (5) days after written notice from Buyer, then Buyer shall have the right, as its sole and exclusive remedy, to either (a) terminate this Agreement, in which event Buyer shall receive the Earnest Deposit and neither of the parties hereto shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder, except for obligations that specifically survive the termination, or (b) sue Seller for specific performance. Other than the remedies set forth in the foregoing (a) and (b), no other remedy or relief shall be available to Buyer, and Buyer hereby waives any and all other remedies, including the right to sue Seller for damages. In the event that Buyer's right to sue for specific performance is unavailable as a remedy to Buyer because of Seller's affirmative acts, Buyer shall be entitled to pursue all rights and remedies available at law or in equity, provided, however, any recovery by Buyer shall not exceed the sum of Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) and shall be limited to Buyer's actual and verifiable, out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the transaction contemplated by this Agreement. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, Buyer's right to sue Seller for specific performance is contingent upon Buyer filing suit against Seller for specific performance within ninety (90) days after the occurrence of Seller's material default delaying Closing and, in the event that Buyer does not file suit for specific performance within such ninety (90) day period, Buyer shall be deemed to have waived its right to sue Seller for specific performance, and the remedy set forth in Section 11.1(a) above to terminate this Agreement shall be Buyer's sole and exclusive remedy. The failure or refusal of

the Bankruptcy Court to approve this Agreement and/or the Closing shall entitle Buyer to the sole and exclusive remedy of terminating this Agreement, in which event the Earnest Deposit shall be promptly refunded to Buyer in accordance with the provisions herein and Seller and Buyer shall have no further rights and obligations hereunder except those which expressly survive termination of this Agreement.

11.2 - Buyer Default. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, if the sale of the Property to Buyer is not consummated solely because of Buyer's material default under the express terms of this Agreement or if any representation or warranty by Buyer is not accurate as of the Closing Date, in addition to Seller's remedies under that certain Settlement Agreement dated as of even date herewith by and between Seller and Buyer, Seller shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement, and the Earnest Deposit, including any interest earned thereon, shall be delivered to Seller as agreed-upon liquidated damages as Seller's sole remedies. Seller and Buyer acknowledge that: (a) it would be impossible to accurately determine Seller's damages in the event of Buyer's default; (b) the Earnest Deposit is fair and equitable; and (c) Seller expressly waives the right to exercise any and all other rights available at law or in equity. The limitation of damages set forth herein shall not apply to any indemnities, covenants or obligations of Buyer which expressly survive either the termination of this Agreement or Closing, for which Seller shall be entitled to all rights and remedies available at law or in equity. Buyer shall not be deemed to be in default under this Agreement unless Seller shall have given written notice to Buyer and Buyer shall not have cured such default within five (5) business days after receipt of Seller's notice. The Closing Date shall be extended, as necessary, to accommodate the notice and cure period, provided that notice is delivered prior to the expiration of this Agreement.

11.3 - BROKERS. Seller and Buyer each represent and warrant that they have not been represented by any broker in connection with the sale of the Property and no commissions or fees are due to any other broker or finder by reason of either party's actions in this matter. Buyer and Seller shall each be responsible for all liability, if any, for any broker or finder fees payable with respect to the sale of the Property that are attributable to its actions. Seller and Buyer shall and do each hereby indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other from and against the claims, demands, actions and judgments of any and all brokers, agents and other persons or entities alleging a commission, fee or other payment to be owing by reason of their respective dealings, negotiations or communications in connection with this Agreement or the purchase and sale of the Property. The indemnity obligations in this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement or the Closing.

SECTION 12 - EMINENT DOMAIN. In the event of a taking of any portion of the Real Property by eminent domain for any public or quasi-public use which is reasonably estimated by Seller to be valued at five percent (5%) of the Purchase Price allocated to such Real Property or more, or if notice of intent of a taking or a sale in lieu of taking, which is reasonably estimated by Seller to be valued at five percent (5%) of the Purchase Price or more, is received by Seller or Buyer, at or prior to Closing, then Buyer shall have the right, to be exercised within thirty (30) days after notice of such taking or intended taking by written notice to Seller, to notify Seller whether it elects to proceed with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or to terminate this Agreement. Failure to deliver notice is deemed Buyer's election to terminate this Agreement. If Buyer elects (or is deemed to have elected) to terminate this Agreement, Buyer shall receive the 2024 Earnest Deposit, including any interest earned thereon, and Seller shall receive the Original Earnest

Deposit, including any interest earned thereon, and neither of the parties hereto shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder except for obligations that specifically survive the termination. In the event this Agreement is not terminated or Buyer is not entitled to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section, Buyer shall consummate this transaction on Closing Date (with no reductions in the Purchase Price), and Buyer shall be entitled to participate in any such condemnation or eminent domain proceedings and to receive all of the proceeds attributable to any portion of the Real Property to be conveyed to Buyer.

SECTION 13– [INTENTIONALLY OMITTED].

SECTION 14 - MISCELLANEOUS.

14.1 - Governing Law. THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE BANKRUPTCY COURT SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER ALL DISPUTES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO (I) THE INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY ANCILLARY DOCUMENT EXECUTED PURSUANT HERETO AND/OR (II) THE PROPERTY. THE PARTIES EXPRESSLY CONSENT TO AND AGREE NOT TO CONTEST SUCH EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION. The provisions of this Section shall survive the Closing or termination of this Agreement.

14.2 - Counterparts; Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same document. Execution and delivery of this Agreement by electronic exchange bearing the copies of a party's signature shall constitute a valid and binding execution and delivery of this Agreement by such party. Such electronic copies shall constitute enforceable original documents.

14.3 - Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with the attached exhibit(s), contains all of the terms and conditions of the agreement between the parties hereto, and any and all prior and contemporaneous oral and written agreements are merged herein.

14.4 - Modifications and Waivers. This Agreement cannot be changed nor can any provision of this Agreement, or any right or remedy of any party, be waived orally. Changes and waivers can be made only in writing, and the change or waiver must be signed by the party against whom the change or waiver is sought to be enforced. Any waiver of any provision of this Agreement, or any right or remedy, given on any one or more occasions shall not be deemed a waiver with respect to any other occasion.

14.5 - Parties Bound. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, successors, and assigns of the parties hereto.

14.6 - Assignment. Buyer may not assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement without Seller's prior written consent; provided, however, at and concurrently with a Closing hereunder, Buyer may, subject to any requirements imposed by the Bankruptcy Court or otherwise by virtue of Seller being a debtor in bankruptcy, assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement, in whole or in part, to one or more entities without the consent of Seller, provided and on the condition that: (a) Buyer shall have given Seller written notice of the assignment and the identity of the assignee(s) at least seven (7) days prior to Closing; (b) Buyer is an affiliate of each

assignee; and (c) such assignee(s) shall have assumed Buyer's obligations hereunder by a written instrument of assumption in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Seller. Notwithstanding any such assignment, Buyer shall nevertheless remain liable for all of Buyer's obligations hereunder.

14.7 - Notices. All notices, requests and other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when made by personal delivery, sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, next or second business day by delivery by a nationally recognized overnight courier, addressed as follows, or email followed by another permitted means of delivery. Notice shall be deemed given on the date on which the notice is received or refused by a party in the case of personal delivery or email, the date on which it is deposited in the U.S. Mail, in the case of registered or certified mail, or on the next or second (whichever is applicable) business day immediately following receipt by the courier, in the case of an overnight courier:

If to Seller: Big Lots Stores – PNS, LLC
4900 East Dublin Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43081
Attn: Chris Macke
Vice President, Legal – Real Estate
Email: cmacke@biglots.com

and

Big Lots Stores – PNS, LLC and Big Lots Stores, LLC
4900 East Dublin Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43081
Attn: Ronald A. Robins, Jr. (Rocky)
EVP, Chief Legal and Governance Officer
Email: rrobins@biglots.com

With a copy to: Jacinto A. Nunez
Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP
50 S. Main Street
Suite 1200
Akron, Ohio 44308
Email: janunez@vorys.com

If to Buyer: 6351 WESTMINSTER BLVD, LLC
Att: Andrew Fieler
Email: andrew.fielder@backbayig.com
3857 Birch St #195
Newport Beach, CA 92660

With a copy to: James C. Bastian, Jr.
SHULMAN BASTIAN FRIEDMAN & BU LLP

100 Spectrum Center Drive, Suite 600
Irvine, CA 92618
jbastian@shulmanbastian.com

AND

Michael J. Steponovich, Jr
STEPONOVICH & ASSOCIATES
A Professional Law Corporation
Email: mike@stepolaw.com
120 Vantis Drive, Suite 300
Aliso Viejo, California 92656-2677
mike@stepolaw.com

14.8 - Section Headings. The captions in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be considered a part of or affect the construction or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement.

14.9 - Severability. If one or more of the provisions of this Agreement or the application thereof shall be invoked, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions or any other application thereof shall in no way be affected or impaired.

14.10 - Time of the Essence. The parties agree that time is of the essence and that the failure of a party hereto to perform any act on or before the date specified herein for performance thereof shall be deemed cause for the termination hereof by the other party, without prejudice to other remedies available for default hereunder.

14.11 - Confidentiality. Without the prior written consent of the other party, neither Seller nor Buyer will disclose to any person, other than their legal counsel, auditors, accountants, investors or a proposed lender, either the fact that this Agreement has been entered into or any of the terms, conditions or other facts with respect thereto, including the status thereof; provided, that either party hereto may make such disclosure if compelled by court order or to comply with the requirements of any law, governmental order or regulation. Notwithstanding anything provided in this Agreement to the contrary, nothing herein shall prohibit Seller from taking any action that is required or appropriate in order to pursue or fulfill the requirements of the Bankruptcy Court Approval.

14.12 - Further Action. The parties hereto shall at any time, and from time to time on and after the Closing Date, upon the request of either, to, execute, acknowledge and deliver all such further acts, deeds, assignments and other instruments as may be reasonably required for the consummation of this transaction.

14.13 - Construction. This Agreement shall not be construed more strictly against one party than against the other merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by counsel for one of the parties hereto, it being recognized that both Seller and Buyer have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Agreement.

14.14 - No Recording. Neither this Agreement nor any memorandum or short form thereof may be recorded by Buyer.

14.15 - Third-Party Beneficiary. The provisions of this Agreement are not intended to benefit any parties other than Seller and Buyer.

14.16 - Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in any action between the parties hereto seeking the enforcement of any of the terms and provisions of this Agreement, or in connection with the Property, the prevailing party in such action shall be awarded, in addition to damages, injunctive or other relief, its reasonable costs and expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees.

14.17 - Force Majeure. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, any prevention, delay or stoppage due to strikes, lockouts, labor disputes, acts of God, inability to obtain services, labor, or materials or reasonable substitutes therefor, governmental actions, judicial actions, civil commotions, fire or other casualty, epidemic, pandemic, disease, quarantine, or any other causes beyond the reasonable control of the party obligated to perform (collectively, "Force Majeure"), shall excuse the performance of any such party for a period equal to any such Force Majeure and, therefore, if this Agreement specifies a time period for performance of an obligation of either party, that time period shall be extended by the period of any delay in such party's performance caused by a Force Majeure, provided nothing in this Section shall excuse Buyer from the prompt payment of money or other charges required of Buyer in this Agreement.

14.18 - Exclusivity; Encumbrance. From the Effective Date through the Closing or earlier termination of this Agreement, Seller shall not voluntarily encumber or otherwise transfer the Property or enter into an agreement to transfer the Property or any of Seller's interest therein without the prior written consent of Buyer (in Buyer's sole and absolute discretion).

14.19 - Jury Trial. THE PARTIES KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVE THEIR RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT, THE TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED UNDER THE AGREEMENT OR ANY COURSE OF DEALINGS OR ACTIONS BY THE PARTIES RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT. THIS WAIVER IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT FOR SELLER TO EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT AND SURVIVES CLOSING UNDER OR TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT. The provisions of this Section shall survive the Closing or termination of this Agreement.

14.20 - Business Day. As used herein, a business day shall mean any day other than Saturday, Sunday or other day that commercial banks in the State of Ohio are authorized or required to close under applicable law. In the event that the expiration of any time period hereunder shall expire on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then such time period shall be extended until the close of business on the next following business day.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed on the respective dates specified below.

SELLER:

Big Lots Stores – PNS, LLC, a California limited liability company

By: _____
Jonathan Ramsden, EVP, CFO & CAO

Date: _____, 2024

BUYER:

6351 Westminster Blvd, LLC, a Wyoming limited liability company

By: _____
Andrew Fielder, Manager

Date: _____, 2024

By: _____
David Lipp, Manager

Date: _____, 2024

ESCROW CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The undersigned agrees to act as Title Company and Escrow Agent for the transaction described in the above Agreement as provided herein. Receipt of the Earnest Deposit is hereby acknowledged. The undersigned agrees to hold and deliver the Earnest Deposit in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

Chicago Title Insurance Company

Escrow No. _____

By: _____

Authorized Representative (Print Name)

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A

The Real Property

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL A: APN: 203-562-14

THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, IN THE RANCHO LAS BOLSAS, AS SHOWN ON A MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 51, PAGE 13 OF MISCELLANEOUS MAPS, RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF WESTMINSTER AVENUE AND WILLOW LANE, AS SHOWN ON A MAP OF TRACT NO. 2108, RECORDED IN BOOK 109, PAGES 3, 4 AND 5 OF MISCELLANEOUS MAPS, RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA; THENCE NORTH 89°25'00" EAST 280.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0°35'45" WEST 500.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT NO. 2108; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE AND ITS WESTERLY PROLONGATION SOUTH 89°25'00" WEST 280.00 FEET TO SAID CENTERLINE OF WILLOW LANE; THENCE SOUTH 0°35'45" EAST 500.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT THAT PORTION THEREOF, INCLUDED WITHIN WILLOW LANE, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF SAID

TRACT NO. 2108.

PARCEL B:

NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR PARKING AS DESCRIBED IN THE AGREEMENT RECORDED JANUARY 17, 1961 IN BOOK 5632, PAGE 739 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS.

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

BIG LOTS, INC., *et al.*

Debtors.¹

)
) Chapter 11
)
) Case No. 24-11967 (JKS)
)
) (Jointly Administered)
)
) **Re: D.I. 2808**
)

**ORDER APPROVING THE JOINT STIPULATION BY AND AMONG THE DEBTORS
AND LIPP CDS, INC. RESOLVING MOTION OF LIPP CDS, INC. FOR LEAVE TO
FILE PROOF OF CLAIM AFTER CLAIMS BAR DEADLINE**

Upon consideration of (1) the *Certification of Counsel Regarding Joint Stipulation by and Among the Debtors and Lipp CDS, Inc. Resolving Motion of Lipp CDS, Inc. for Leave to File Proof of Claim After Claims Bar Deadline* (the “Certification of Counsel”) and (2) the *Joint Stipulation by and Among the Debtors and Lipp CDS, Inc. Resolving Motion of Lipp CDS, Inc. for Leave to File Proof of Claim After Claims Bar Deadline* (the “Stipulation”),² by and between the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) and Lipp CDS, Inc. (“Lipp CDS” and, together with the Debtors, the “Parties”), and which is attached to this order (this “Order”) as **Exhibit 1**; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States

¹ The debtors and debtors in possession in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their respective employer identification numbers, are as follows: Great Basin, LLC (6158); Big Lots, Inc. (9097); Big Lots Management, LLC (7948); Consolidated Property Holdings, LLC (0984); Broyhill LLC (7868); Big Lots Stores - PNS, LLC (5262); Big Lots Stores, LLC (6811); BLBO Tenant, LLC (0552); Big Lots Stores - CSR, LLC (6182); CSC Distribution LLC (8785); Closeout Distribution, LLC (0309); Durant DC, LLC (2033); AVDC, LLC (3400); GAFDC LLC (8673); PAFDC LLC (2377); WAFDC, LLC (6163); INFDC, LLC (2820); Big Lots eCommerce LLC (9612); and Big Lots F&S, LLC (3277). The address of the debtors’ corporate headquarters is 4900 E. Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43081.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stipulation.

District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and this Court having found that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Stipulation in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having reviewed the Stipulation; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Stipulation establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Stipulation is approved in its entirety.
2. The Stipulation shall be binding on the Parties upon entry of this Order.
3. Any objections to the Motion not filed prior to the Motion Objection Deadline are deemed overruled and waived.
4. Lipp CDS may file a proof of claim (a “Lipp CDS Proof of Claim”) in the Chapter 11 Cases no later than fourteen (14) days following entry of this Order (such date, the “Extended Bar Date”).
5. Responses or objections to any Lipp CDS Proof of Claim must be filed no later than fourteen (14) days following the Extended Bar Date (the “POC Objection Deadline”). Any reply in support of a Lipp CDS Proof of Claim must be filed no later than fourteen (14) days following the POC Objection Deadline.
6. The Debtors’ rights to object to a Lipp CDS Proof of Claim on any grounds, or contest the validity or allowability of the allegations raised therein, are reserved in all respects.
7. To the extent the Debtors or any other party in interest file an objection to a Lipp CDS Proof of Claim, a hearing on such Lipp CDS Proof of Claim shall be scheduled no earlier

than twenty-one (21) days following the date on which such objection is filed.

8. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004, the terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

9. The Parties are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order and to consummate and implement the terms and provisions of the Stipulation.

10. The Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order and the Stipulation.

Dated: June 25th, 2025
Wilmington, Delaware


J. KATE STICKLES
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE